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A. Elections and appointments

70/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 15 September 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its seventieth session consisting of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BARBADOS, CHINA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, KAZAKHSTAN, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOUTH AFRICA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

70/402. Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 12 October 2015, the General Assembly approved the appointment by the Secretary-General of Ms. Heidi MENDOZA as Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services for one fixed term of five years beginning on 15 November 2015 and ending on 14 November 2020.

70/403. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected EGYPT, JAPAN, SENEGAL, UKRAINE and URUGUAY as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHAD, CHILE, JORDAN, LITHUANIA and NIGERIA.

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Security Council is composed of the following 15 Member States: Angola,* China, Egypt,** France, Japan,** Malaysia,* New Zealand,* Russian Federation, Senegal,** Spain,* Ukraine,** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay** and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).*

70/404. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 October 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Chile, the Czech Republic, Guyana, Iraq, Italy, Lebanon, Nigeria, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, the United States of America and Viet Nam as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Albania, Australia, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Colombia, Croatia, Haiti, Italy, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Nepal, San Marino, South Africa, the Sudan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan and the United States of America.

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 9 November 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected IRELAND as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remainder of the term of office of AUSTRIA, ² beginning on 1 January 2016.

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following 54 Member States: Afghanistan,*** Algeria,*** Antigua and Barbuda,* Argentina,** Australia,*** Bangladesh,* Belgium,*** Botswana,* Brazil,** Burkina Faso,** Chile,*** China,* Congo,* Czech Republic,*** Democratic Republic of the Congo,* Estonia,** Finland,* France,** Georgia,* Germany,** Ghana,** Greece,** Guatemala,* Guyana,*** Honduras,** India,** Iraq,*** Ireland,** Italy,*** Japan,** Kazakhstan,* Lebanon,*** Mauritania,** Nigeria,*** Pakistan,** Panama,* Peru,*** Portugal,**

Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

¹ A/70/388.

² A/70/426.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* RWANDA,*** SERBIA,* SOMALIA,*** SOUTH AFRICA,*** SWEDEN,* SWITZERLAND,* TOGO,* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,** UGANDA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,*** VIET NAM*** and ZIMBABWE.**

70/405. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 9 November 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with section II, paragraphs 1 to 3, of its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, as amended by paragraph 8 of its resolution 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 and paragraph 10 (b) of its resolution 31/99 of 15 December 1976, as well as its resolution 57/20 of 19 November 2002, elected Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Czech Republic, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Mauritius, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, the United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) as members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term of office beginning on 27 June 2016, to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Fiji, Gabon, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Philippines, Poland, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, the United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

As a result, as of 27 June 2016, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law is composed of the following 53 Member States: Argentina, Argentina, Australia, Australia, Australia, Belarus, Berzil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)* and Zambia.

70/406. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 9 November 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairs of the regional groups concerned, of GHANA and LIBERIA as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016.

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 23 December 2015, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairs of the regional groups concerned, of HUNGARY and IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016.

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following 18 Member States: Austria, Bahrain, Central African Republic, France, Ghana, Hungary, Iran

Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

^{*} Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the fifty-second session of the Commission in 2019.

^{**} Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission in 2022.

³ Elections to fill the six remaining vacancies for members from African States and the one remaining vacancy for a member from Asia-Pacific States will be held upon notification by interested Member States from those regions.

⁴ Two vacancies for members from Latin American and Caribbean States and one vacancy for a member from Western European and other States remain to be filled for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2018.

(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** JAMAICA,* JAPAN,* LIBERIA,*** MAURITANIA,* NAMIBIA,** PARAGUAY,** QATAR,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SRI LANKA,** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

70/407. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 13 November 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, ⁵ appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016: Mr. Ihor Humennyi, Mr. Conrod Hunte, Mr. Eihab Omaish, Mr. Babou Sene and Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum.

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Takeshi AKAMATSU (*Japan*),* Mr. Pavel CHERNIKOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Fernando DE OLIVEIRA SENA (*Brazil*),** Mr. Ihor HUMENNYI (*Ukraine*),*** Mr. Conrod HUNTE (*Antigua and Barbuda*),*** Mr. Ali A. Ali KURER (*Libya*),** Mr. Dietrich LINGENTHAL (*Germany*),** Mr. Richard MOON (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),* Mr. Eihab OMAISH (*Jordan*),*** Mr. Carlos RUIZ MASSIEU (*Mexico*),* Mr. Babou SENE (*Senegal*),*** Mr. Tesfa Alem SEYOUM (*Eritrea*),*** Mr. David TRAYSTMAN (*United States of America*),** Mr. Devesh UTTAM (*India*),* Ms. Catherine VENDAT (*France*)* and Mr. YE Xuenong (*China*).*

70/408. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 13 November 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, ⁶ appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016: Mr. Syed Yawar Ali, Ms. Jasminka Dinić, Mr. Edward Faris, Mr. Toshiro Ozawa, Mr. Tonis Saar and Mr. Josiel Motumisi Tawana.

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Syed Yawar Ali (*Pakistan*),*** Mr. Jean Pierre Diawara (*Guinea*),* Ms. Jasminka Dinić (*Croatia*),*** Mr. Gordon Eckersley (*Australia*),* Mr. Mohamed A. Elshakshuki (*Libya*),* Mr. Edward Faris (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Fu Daopeng (*China*),** Mr. Bernardo Greiver Del Hoyo (*Uruguay*),* Mr. Kunal Khatri (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),** Mr. Nikolay Lozinskiy (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Toshiro Ozawa (*Japan*),*** Mr. Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta (*Cuba*),* Mr. Tõnis Saar (*Estonia*),*** Mr. Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (*Brazil*),** Mr. Thomas Schlesinger (*Austria*),** Mr. Ugo Sessi (*Italy*),* Mr. Josiel Motumisi Tawana (*South Africa*)*** and Ms. Yoon Seongmee (*Republic of Korea*).**

 ^{*} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

 ^{*} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

^{*} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

⁵ A/70/539, para. 6.

⁶ A/70/540, para. 4.

70/409. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 13 November 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, ⁷ appointed the German Supreme Audit Institution as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2016.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: German Supreme Audit Institution,*** Comptroller and Auditor-General of INDIA,** and Controller and Auditor-General of the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.*

70/410. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 18 November 2015, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, ⁸ elected Mr. Filippo GRANDI as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years beginning on 1 January 2016 and ending on 31 December 2020.

70/411. Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2015, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided that, as nominated by the five regional groups of the United Nations, Albania, Argentina, Germany, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Romania and Turkey would serve as members of the board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns and that the members of the board would serve until 15 September 2017.

70/412. Appointment of members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), ¹⁰ appointed EL SALVADOR, ISRAEL, OMAN, QATAR, SRI LANKA and the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES as members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

As a result, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space is composed of the following 83 Member States: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

^{*} Term of office expires on 30 June 2018.

^{**} Term of office expires on 30 June 2020.

^{***} Term of office expires on 30 June 2022.

⁷ A/70/541, para. 4.

⁸ A/70/548.

⁹ A/70/L.15.

¹⁰ A/70/495, para. 17.

¹¹ See also decision 70/518.

70/413. Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 28 October 2015, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and 65/281 of 17 June 2011, elected Belgium, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Germany, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Panama, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Switzerland, Togo, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) as members of the Human Rights Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Argentina, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gabon, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Montenegro, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Human Rights Council is composed of the following 47 Member States: Albania,** Algeria,* Bangladesh,** Belgium,*** Bolivia (Plurinational State of),** Botswana,** Burundi,*** China,* Congo,** Côte d'Ivoire,*** Cuba,* Ecuador,*** El Salvador,** Ethiopia,*** France,* Georgia,*** Germany,*** Ghana,** India,** Indonesia,** Kenya,*** Kyrgyzstan,*** Latvia,** Maldives,* Mexico,* Mongolia,*** Morocco,* Namibia,* Netherlands,** Nigeria,** Panama,*** Paraguay,** Philippines,*** Portugal,** Qatar,** Republic of Korea,*** Russian Federation,* Saudi Arabia,* Slovenia,*** South Africa,* Switzerland,*** the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,* Togo,*** United Arab Emirates,*** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,* Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*** and Viet Nam.*

70/414. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 28 October 2015, the General Assembly, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council ¹² and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, as well as Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, elected Argentina, France, Peru, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Botswana, El Salvador, France, Peru, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania.

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, as well as Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, elected IRAQ as a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 10 December 2015 and expiring on 31 December 2017.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that an election would be held at a later date, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council, for the three seats that remained to be filled on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.¹⁴

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following 32 Member States: Argentina,*** Armenia,** Belarus,** Benin,* Brazil,** Burkina Faso,** Cameroon,** China,* Cuba,** Equatorial Guinea,** Ethiopia,* France,*** Haiti,* Iran (Islamic

^{*} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

 $^{^{12}}$ See A/70/355; see also Economic and Social Council decision 2015/201 B.

 $^{^{13}\,\}text{A}/70/355/\text{Add.1};$ see also Economic and Social Council decision 2016/201 B.

¹⁴ Three vacancies remain to be filled for members from Western European and other States: one for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015, one for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2017 and one for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

REPUBLIC OF),** IRAQ,** ITALY,** JAPAN,* MOROCCO,* NAMIBIA,** PAKISTAN,** PERU,*** PORTUGAL,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SAUDI ARABIA,** UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** URUGUAY,** VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)** and ZIMBABWE.***

70/415. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, ¹⁵ confirmed the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Masakazu Arikawa, Mr. Madhav Dhar, Mr. Nemir Kirdar, Mr. Michael Klein, Ms. Linah K. Mohohlo and Mr. Gumersindo Oliveros as members of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016.

As a result, as of 1 January 2016, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Masakazu ARIKAWA (*Japan*),* Mr. Madhav DHAR (*India*),* Mr. Simon JIANG (*China*),* Mr. Achim KASSOW (*Germany*),* Mr. Nemir KIRDAR (*Iraq*),* Mr. Michael KLEIN (*United States of America*),* Ms. Linah K. MOHOHLO (*Botswana*)* and Mr. Gumersindo OLIVEROS (*Spain*).*

70/416. Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 60/180 of 20 December 2005 and 63/145 of 18 December 2008, elected EL SALVADOR and MONTENEGRO as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA and GUATEMALA.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4 (*a*) to (*d*) of resolution 60/180, 23 States have already been elected and/or selected as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: ANGOLA, CHINA, FRANCE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) selected by the Security Council; BRAZIL, GEORGIA, ITALY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SOUTH AFRICA and TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO elected by the Economic and Social Council; CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS and SWEDEN selected by and from among the top 10 providers of assessed contributions to United Nations budgets and of voluntary contributions to United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including a standing peacebuilding fund; and BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, NIGERIA and PAKISTAN selected by and from among the top 10 providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions.

As a result, on 1 January 2016, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission is composed of the following 30 Member States: ANGOLA,** BANGLADESH,** BRAZIL,** CANADA,** CHINA,* COLOMBIA,** EGYPT,** EL SALVADOR,*** ETHIOPIA,** FRANCE,* GEORGIA,** GERMANY,** INDIA,** ITALY,** JAPAN,** KENYA,** MALAYSIA,** MONTENEGRO,*** MOROCCO,** NETHERLANDS,** NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,** REPUBLIC

Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

^{*} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

¹⁵ A/70/597, para. 4.

¹⁶ See S/2016/61.

¹⁷ See Economic and Social Council decisions 2015/201 A and 2016/201 B.

¹⁸ See A/69/634.

¹⁹ See A/69/577.

OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SOUTH AFRICA,** SWEDEN,** TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF).**

70/417. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 18 November 2015, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 4 of the statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, contained in annex I to resolution 63/253 of 24 December 2008, and on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council, ²⁰ appointed the following persons as judges of the Tribunal for a seven-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2016 and expiring on 30 June 2023: Ms. Teresa Maria da Silva Bravo (Portugal), full-time, Geneva; Ms. Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart (Poland), full-time, Nairobi; and Mr. Alexander W. Hunter, Jr. (United States of America), half-time.

As a result, as of 1 July 2016, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal is composed as follows: Ms. Teresa Maria DA SILVA BRAVO (*Portugal*, full-time, Geneva),*** Mr. Rowan DOWNING (*Australia*, ad litem),* Ms. Memooda EBRAHIM-CARSTENS (*Botswana*, full-time, New York),** Ms. Alessandra GRECEANU (*Romania*, ad litem),* Mr. Alexander W. HUNTER, Jr. (*United States of America*, half-time),*** Ms. Nkemdilim Amelia IZUAKO (*Nigeria*, ad litem),* Mr. Goolam Hoosen Kader MEERAN (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, half-time)** and Ms. Agnieszka KLONOWIECKA-MILART (*Poland*, full-time, Nairobi).***

70/418. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 18 November 2015, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3 of the statute of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, contained in annex II to resolution 63/253 of 24 December 2008, and on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council, appointed Ms. Sabine Knierim (Germany), Mr. John Raymond Murphy (South Africa), Mr. Dimitrios Raikos (Greece) and Ms. Martha Halfeld Furtado de Mendonça Schmidt (Brazil) as judges of the Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 1 July 2016 and expiring on 30 June 2023 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Ms. Sophia Adinyira, Ms. Mary Faherty, Mr. Luis Maria Simón and Ms. Inés Weinberg de Roca.

As a result, as of 1 July 2016, the United Nations Appeals Tribunal is composed as follows: Ms. Rosalyn M. Chapman (*United States of America*),* Ms. Martha Halfeld Furtado de Mendonça Schmidt (*Brazil*),** Ms. Sabine Knierim (*Germany*),** Mr. Richard Lussick (*Samoa*),* Mr. John Raymond Murphy (*South Africa*),** Mr. Dimitrios Raikos (*Greece*)** and Ms. Deborah Thomas-Felix (*Trinidad and Tobago*).*

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Permanent members of the Security Council.

^{**} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{***} Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

 ^{*} Term of office expires on 31 December 2016.

^{**} Term of office expires on 30 June 2019.

^{***} Term of office expires on 30 June 2023.

^{*} Term of office expires on 30 June 2019.

^{**} Term of office expires on 30 June 2023.

²⁰ A/70/190.

B. Other decisions

1. Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

70/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the seventieth session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 15 September 2015, the General Assembly decided to authorize those subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letter dated 8 September 2015 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences, and in amely the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Disarmament Commission, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to meet during the main part of the seventieth session of the Assembly.

70/502. Organization of the seventieth session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,²² adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the seventieth session.

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 23 November 2015, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chair of the Second Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Monday, 7 December 2015.

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the seventieth session of the Assembly from Wednesday, 16 December 2015, to Thursday, 24 December 2015.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chair of the Second Committee, decided to further extend the work of the Committee until Monday, 14 December 2015.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chair of the Fifth Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Wednesday, 23 December 2015.

70/503. General debate of the seventieth session of the General Assembly

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report, ²³ and taking note that, pursuant to resolutions 57/301 of 13 March 2003 and 69/244 of 29 December 2014, the general debate would begin on Monday, 28 September 2015, decided that the general debate would continue on Saturday, 3 October 2015.

70/504. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,²⁴ adopted the agenda²⁵ and the allocation of agenda items²⁶ for the seventieth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,²⁷ decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Question of the

²¹ A/70/366.

²² A/70/250, paras. 3–61.

²³ Ibid., para. 26.

²⁴ Ibid., paras. 62–87.

²⁵ A/70/251.

²⁶ A/70/252.

²⁷ A/70/250, para. 68.

Comorian island of Mayotte", under heading B (Maintenance of international peace and security), on the understanding that there would be no consideration of this item by the Assembly.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report, ²⁸ decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session.

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 3 October 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report, ²⁹ decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services" as sub-item (*i*) of agenda item 114 entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting, to include an additional item entitled "Observer Status for the Union for the Mediterranean in the General Assembly" as agenda item 174, under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2015, the General Assembly decided to consider directly in plenary meeting sub-item (a) entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" of agenda item 20 entitled "Sustainable development", under heading A (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to proceed expeditiously with the consideration of a draft decision.³⁰

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 23 December 2015, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 128 entitled "International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals" and to proceed immediately with the consideration of a draft resolution.³¹

70/505. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 13 October 2015, the General Assembly took note of the twentieth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.³²

70/506. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 13 October 2015, the General Assembly took note of the twenty-second annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.³³

²⁸ Ibid., para. 69.

²⁹ A/70/250/Add.1.

³⁰ A/70/L.15.

³¹ A/70/L.39.

³² A/70/218-S/2015/577.

³³ A/70/226-S/2015/585.

70/507. Report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 13 October 2015, the General Assembly took note of the third annual report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.³⁴

70/508. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 14 October 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.³⁵

70/509. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 19 October 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Economic and Social Council.³⁶

70/510. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 5 November 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.³⁷

70/511. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 12 November 2015, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General. 38

70/512. Report of the Security Council

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 12 November 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.³⁹

70/529. High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2015, the General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to invite United Nations agency representatives Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union; Mr. Getachew Engida, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; Mr. Patrick Keuleers, Director and Chief of Profession of the Governance and Peacebuilding Team of the United Nations Development Programme; and Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Officer-in-Charge of the Science, Technology and ICT Branch of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to make a statement at the high-level meeting of the Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

³⁴ A/70/225-S/2015/586.

³⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/70/1).

³⁶ Ibid., *Supplement No. 3* (A/70/3).

³⁷ Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (A/70/4).

³⁸ A/70/300.

³⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/70/2).

70/539. High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, ⁴⁰ as orally revised:

- (a) Decided to convene on 19 September 2016 a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, within existing resources, on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants;
- (b) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report, to be submitted no later than May 2016, setting out recommendations on ways to address large movements of refugees and migrants;
- (c) Requested the President of the General Assembly to finalize the organizational arrangements, including on a possible outcome, for the high-level meeting through open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States.

70/554. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventieth session

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 23 December 2015, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its seventieth session:

- Item 4. Election of the President of the General Assembly
- Item 5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees
- Item 6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
- Item 7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee
- Item 9. Report of the Economic and Social Council
- Item 11. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS
- Item 13. Improving global road safety
- Item 14. 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa
- Item 15. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields
- Item 16. Culture of peace
- Item 18. Macroeconomic policy questions:
 - (d) Commodities
- Item 20. Sustainable development:
 - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
 - (g) Harmony with Nature
- Item 21. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Item 23. Groups of countries in special situations:
 - (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
- Item 30. Report of the Security Council
- Item 31. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission

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⁴⁰ A/70/L.34.

- Item 32. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies
- Item 33. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict
- Item 34. Prevention of armed conflict:
 - (a) Prevention of armed conflict
 - (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution
- Item 35. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development
- Item 36. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic
- Item 40. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan
- Item 41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte
- Item 43. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
- Item 44. Question of Cyprus
- Item 45. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 46. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
- Item 47. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti
- Item 48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security
- Item 49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait
- Item 56. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects
- Item 57. Comprehensive review of special political missions
- Item 66. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:
 - (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support
 - (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa
- Item 67. Report of the Human Rights Council
- Item 73. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:
 - (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations
 - (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people
 - (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions
 - (d) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster
- Item 74. Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence
- Item 79. Oceans and the law of the sea:
 - (a) Oceans and the law of the sea
- Item 91. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

- Item 107. International drug control
- Item 109. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
- Item 110. Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund
- Item 112. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
 - (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council
 - (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council
- Item 113. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
 - (a) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
 - (b) Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
 - (c) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
- Item 114. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:
 - (e) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences
 - (f) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit
 - (g) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal
- Item 115. Admission of new Members to the United Nations
- Item 116. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
- Item 117. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
- Item 118. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade
- Item 119. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations
- Item 120. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
- Item 121. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council
- Item 122. Strengthening of the United Nations system
- Item 123. United Nations reform: measures and proposals
- Item 124. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Item 125. Global health and foreign policy
- Item 126. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
- Item 127. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
- Item 128. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Item 129. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him
- Item 130. Global awareness of the tragedies of irregular migrants in the Mediterranean basin, with specific emphasis on Syrian asylum seekers

- Item 131. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
 - (a) United Nations
 - (b) United Nations peacekeeping operations
 - (c) International Trade Centre
 - (d) United Nations University
 - (e) Capital master plan
 - (f) United Nations Development Programme
 - (g) United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - (h) United Nations Children's Fund
 - (i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
 - (j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research
 - (k) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
 - (l) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme
 - (m) United Nations Population Fund
 - (n) United Nations Human Settlements Programme
 - (o) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
 - (p) United Nations Office for Project Services
 - (q) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
 - (r) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
 - (s) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
 - (t) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Item 132. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
- Item 133. Programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015
- Item 134. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017
- Item 135. Programme planning
- Item 136. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
- Item 137. Pattern of conferences
- Item 138. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
- Item 139. Human resources management
- Item 140. Joint Inspection Unit
- Item 141. United Nations common system
- Item 142. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
- Item 143. Administration of justice at the United Nations

- Item 144. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
- Item 145. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
- Item 146. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Item 147. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 148. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 149. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei
- Item 150. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad
- Item 151. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
- Item 152. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
- Item 153. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
- Item 154. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Item 155. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor
- Item 156. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
- Item 157. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
- Item 158. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
- Item 159. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia
- Item 160. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
- Item 161. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:
 - (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
 - (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
- Item 162. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan
- Item 163. Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic
- Item 164. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
- Item 165. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
- Item 166. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee

70/513. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee. 41

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⁴¹ A/70/454.

70/514. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, ⁴² decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament".

70/515. Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee. 43

70/516. Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2016

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, 44 approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2016, as contained in the annex to the report of the Committee. 45

70/517. Programme planning (First Committee)

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee. 46

70/551. Open-ended Working Group on the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 23 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee⁴⁷ and as amended,⁴⁸ recalling its resolution 65/66 of 8 December 2010 and its decision 69/518 of 2 December 2014, by a recorded vote of 149 to none, with 5 abstentions,⁴⁹ decided:

(a) To hold, in 2016, an organizational session of the Open-ended Working Group on the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament for the purpose of setting the dates for its three substantive

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Central African Republic, France, Israel, Netherlands, United States of America.

⁴² A/70/459, para. 7.

⁴³ A/70/468.

⁴⁴ A/70/516, para. 5.

⁴⁵ A/70/516.

⁴⁶ A/70/517.

⁴⁷ A/70/460, para. 95.

⁴⁸ A/70/L.26.

⁴⁹ The voting was as follows:

sessions, consisting of five working days each, in 2016 and 2017, and that the Working Group should submit a report on its work, including possible substantive recommendations, before the end of the seventy-second session of the Assembly;

(b) To include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "General and complete disarmament", the sub-item entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament".

3. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

70/518. Increase in the membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),⁵⁰ taking note of the applications of six States Members of the United Nations for membership in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as noted in the report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-fourth session, held in Vienna from 13 to 24 April 2015,⁵¹ by a recorded vote of 155 to none, with 16 abstentions,⁵² decided to appoint those six Member States as members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.⁵³

70/519. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).⁵⁴

70/520. Question of Gibraltar

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),⁵⁵ recalling its decision 69/523 of 5 December 2014:

(a) Urged the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar that are legitimate under international law, to reach, in the spirit

In favour: Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Chad, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Yemen.

⁵⁰ A/70/495, para. 17.

⁵¹ A/AC.105/1090, para. 10.

⁵² The voting was as follows:

⁵³ See also decision 70/412.

⁵⁴ A/70/498.

⁵⁵ A/70/505, para. 33.

of the Brussels Declaration of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

- (b) Took note of the desire of the United Kingdom to continue with the trilateral Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar;
- (c) Took note of the position of Spain that the trilateral Forum for Dialogue does not exist any longer and should be replaced with a new mechanism for local cooperation in which the people of the Campo de Gibraltar and Gibraltar were represented;
- (d) Welcomed the efforts made by both parties to resolve current problems and to engage in a flexible and responsive form of dialogue between all relevant and appropriate parties, on an informal ad hoc basis, and that such efforts were aimed at finding common solutions and making progress on issues of mutual benefit.

70/521. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),⁵⁶ approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Fourth Committee for the seventy-first session of the Assembly as set out in the report of the Fourth Committee.⁵⁷

70/522. Programme planning (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).⁵⁸

4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

70/540. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁵⁹

70/541. Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, ⁶⁰ took note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth special session, ⁶¹ which was held in Geneva on 26 November 2015, and the decision contained therein, and welcomed the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016.

70/542. Report of the Secretary-General on the International Day of Forests

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Day of Forests. ⁶²

⁵⁶ A/70/528, para. 5.

⁵⁷ A/70/528.

⁵⁸ A/70/529.

⁵⁹ A/70/470.

⁶⁰ A/70/470/Add.1, para. 20.

⁶¹ A/70/15 (Part IV). For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/70/15).

⁶² A/70/214.

70/543. Globalization and interdependence

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee. 63

70/544. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁶⁴

70/545. Eradication of poverty and other development issues

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁶⁵

70/546. Operational activities for development

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁶⁶

70/547. Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the main decisions and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, ⁶⁷ took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on main decisions and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security. ⁶⁸

70/548. Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, ⁶⁹ recalling its resolution 69/321 of 11 September 2015 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, decided that the Committee would convene a meeting early in 2016 to continue its discussion on the revitalization of the work of the Committee.

70/549. Programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, ⁶⁹ approved the programme of work of the Committee for the seventy-first session of the Assembly as set out below:

- Item 1. Information and communications technologies for development
- Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
 - (a) International trade and development
 - (b) International financial system and development
 - (c) External debt sustainability and development
- Item 3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development

⁶³ A/70/474.

⁶⁴ A/70/475.

⁶⁵ A/70/476.

⁶⁶ A/70/477.

⁶⁷ A/70/478, para. 14.

⁶⁸ A/70/92-E/2015/82 and Corr.1.

⁶⁹ A/70/518, para. 9.

Item 4. Sustainable development:

- (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
- (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA)

 Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
- (c) Disaster risk reduction
- (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
- (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
- (f) Convention on Biological Diversity
- (g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme
- (h) Harmony with Nature
- (i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
- (j) Sustainable mountain development
- Item 5. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Item 6. Globalization and interdependence:
 - (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
 - (b) International migration and development
- Item 7. Groups of countries in special situations:
 - (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
 - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
- Item 8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
 - (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017)
 - (b) Industrial development cooperation
- Item 9. Operational activities for development:
 - (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
 - (b) South-South cooperation for development
- Item 10. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition
- Item 11. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

70/550. Programme planning (Second Committee)

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee. ⁷⁰

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⁷⁰ A/70/519.

5. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

70/530. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of social development

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 71 took note of the following reports submitted under the item entitled "Social development":

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014; ⁷²
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on ways to promote effective structured and sustainable youth participation;⁷³
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;⁷⁴
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing". 75

70/531. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the advancement of women

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, ⁷⁶ took note of the following documents submitted under the agenda item entitled "Advancement of women":

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions;⁷⁷
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;⁷⁸
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences. 79

70/532. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, ⁸⁰ took note of the following reports submitted under the item entitled "Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance":

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent;⁸¹

⁷¹ A/70/481, para. 41.

⁷² A/70/61-E/2015/3.

⁷³ A/70/156.

⁷⁴ A/70/173.

⁷⁵ A/70/185.

⁷⁶ A/70/482, para. 27.

⁷⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/70/38).

⁷⁸ A/70/124.

⁷⁹ A/70/209.

⁸⁰ A/70/487, para. 19.

⁸¹ A/70/339.

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.⁸²

70/533. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 83 took note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights":

Under sub-item (a):

- (a) Report of the Committee against Torture on its fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions; 84
- (b) Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its twenty-first and twenty-second sessions; ⁸⁵
- (c) Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth sessions:⁸⁶
 - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;87
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;⁸⁸
- (f) Note by the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;⁸⁹
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-seventh meeting; 90
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;⁹¹

Under sub-item (b):

- (a) Report of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances on its seventh and eighth sessions; 92
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Human Rights Learning; 93
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity;⁹⁴

⁸² A/70/367.

⁸³ A/70/489, para. 5.

⁸⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/70/44).

⁸⁵ Ibid., Supplement No. 48 (A/70/48).

⁸⁶ Ibid., Supplement No. 55 (A/70/55).

⁸⁷ A/70/223.

⁸⁸ A/70/299.

⁸⁹ A/70/273.

⁹⁰ A/70/302.

⁹¹ A/70/425

⁹² Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 56 (A/70/56).

⁹³ A/70/166.

⁹⁴ A/70/258.

- (d) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the right to development; 95
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;⁹⁶
- (f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises;⁹⁷
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; 98
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children; ⁹⁹
- (i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers; 100
- (*j*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; ¹⁰¹
- (*k*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; ¹⁰²
- (*l*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; ¹⁰³
- (*m*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights; 104
- (n) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; 105
- (o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; 106
- (p) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; 107
- (q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; 108
- (r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education; 109

⁹⁵ A/70/111.

⁹⁶ A/70/213.

⁹⁷ A/70/216.

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⁹⁸ A/70/217.

⁹⁹ A/70/260.

¹⁰⁰ A/70/263.

¹⁰¹ A/70/266.

¹⁰² A/70/270.

¹⁰³ A/70/274.

¹⁰⁴ A/70/275.

¹⁰⁵ A/70/279 and Corr.1.

¹⁰⁶ A/70/304.

¹⁰⁷ A/70/310.

¹⁰⁸ A/70/316.

¹⁰⁹ A/70/342.

- (s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights;¹¹⁰
- (t) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;¹¹¹
- (*u*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism; 112
- (v) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence;¹¹³

Under sub-item (c):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus; 114
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967. 115

70/534. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee. 116

70/535. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, 117 took note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice":

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; 118
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on its seventh session. 119

70/536. Report considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of international drug control

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, ¹²⁰ took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting, pursuant to Assembly resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014, the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the progress made in preparation for the special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016. ¹²¹

¹¹⁰ A/70/345.

¹¹¹ A/70/361.

¹¹² A/70/371.

¹¹³ A/70/438.

¹¹⁴ A/70/313.

¹¹⁵ A/70/392.

¹¹⁶ A/70/489/Add.4.

¹¹⁷ A/70/490, para. 36.

¹¹⁸ A/70/90-E/2015/81.

¹¹⁹ A/70/407.

¹²⁰ A/70/491, para. 16.

¹²¹ A/70/87-E/2015/79.

70/537. Programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, ¹²² approved the programme of work of the Committee for the seventy-first session of the Assembly as set out below:

- Item 1. Social development:
 - (a) Social development
 - (b) Literacy for life: shaping future agendas
- Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Item 3. International drug control
- Item 4. Advancement of women
- Item 5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:
 - (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children
 - (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children
- Item 6. Rights of indigenous peoples:
 - (a) Rights of indigenous peoples
 - (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
- Item 7. Promotion and protection of human rights:
 - (a) Implementation of human rights instruments
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms
 - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives
 - (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:
 - (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
 - (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination
- Item 10. Report of the Human Rights Council
- Item 11. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions
- Item 12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

70/538. Programme planning (Third Committee)

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 17 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee. 123

¹²² A/70/522, para. 5.

¹²³ A/70/523.

6. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

70/552. United Nations Office for Partnerships

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 23 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, 124 took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships. 125

70/553. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 23 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, ¹²⁶

Section A

Decided to defer until the first part of its resumed seventieth session consideration of the following documents:

Item 134

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

Operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General on the operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹²⁷

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions 128

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 129

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Decided to defer until its seventy-first session consideration of the following documents:

Item 134

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

Utilization of the contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund¹³⁰ Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹³¹

¹²⁴ A/70/631, para. 11.

¹²⁵ A/70/202.

¹²⁶ A/70/649, para. 5.

¹²⁷ A/70/544.

¹²⁸ A/66/340.

¹²⁹ A/66/7/Add.21.

¹³⁰ A/70/395.

¹³¹ A/70/7/Add.7.

7. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee

70/523. Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, ¹³² decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the Assembly until the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

70/524. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, ¹³³ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the Assembly until the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

70/525. Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, ¹³⁴ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the Assembly until the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

70/526. Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, ¹³⁵ decided to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the Assembly until the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

70/527. Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, ¹³⁶ noted that the Committee had decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work for the seventy-first session of the Assembly, as proposed by the Bureau:

Organization of work of the Sixth Committee

Provisional programme of work

3 October

3 and 4 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
5 and 6 October	The rule of law at the national and international levels
6 October	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission
7 October	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts
	Diplomatic protection
	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

¹³² A/70/530, para. 8.

¹³³ A/70/531, para. 8.

¹³⁴ A/70/532, para. 8.

¹³⁵ A/70/535, para. 8.

¹³⁶ A/70/526, para. 6.

10 October Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

on the work of its forty-ninth session

Request(s) for observer status

11 October The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

13 October Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations

and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

13 and 14 October Administration of justice at the United Nations

14 and 17 October United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,

Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

20 October Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous

activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm

The law of transboundary aquifers

24 October–2 November Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-

eighth session

3 November Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

7 November Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

11 November Programme planning

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

13, 18 and 19 October and

1-3 November

Reserved

70/528. Programme planning (Sixth Committee)

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee. 137

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¹³⁷ A/70/527.

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