



Sixteenth session

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION,  
ALLOCATION OF ITEMS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSIONFirst report of the General Committee

1. The General Committee, at its 135th to 138th meetings held on 21 and 22 September 1961, considered the provisional agenda of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly (A/4815), the supplementary list of items (A/4855) and requests by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/4859, A/4874), the United States of America (A/4872) and New Zealand (A/4873) for the inclusion of additional items, as contained in the memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/155 and Corr.1 and Add.1).
2. The Committee took into account the suggestions put forward in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/155) when considering its recommendations on the inclusion of the relevant items in the agenda.
3. At its 138th meeting, the Committee decided without objection to recommend that item 22 be reworded to read:  
"Assistance to Africa:  
(a) A United Nations programme for independence;  
(b) Economic development of Africa;  
(c) African educational development."
4. The Committee decided by 13 votes to none, with 7 abstentions, to recommend that the item "Population growth and economic development" should be included as a separate item in the agenda rather than as sub-item (e) of item 28,<sup>1/</sup> as proposed in the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

<sup>1/</sup> The numbers of the agenda items and sub-items given in this report are those contained in A/BUR/155 and Add.1. Owing to the recommendation in the present paragraph, the last eight numbers have subsequently been changed.

5. As regards the inclusion of item 72, "The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control", and item 73, "Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal", the Committee weighed the question as to whether these items should be recommended to the General Assembly as separate items, should be recommended for consideration under item 19, "Question of disarmament", or should be considered together. The Committee decided, in each case, by 16 votes to 3, with 1 abstention, to recommend that the items should be included as separate items.

6. On the proposal of the representative of the United States, the General Committee decided to recommend that item 78 should be reworded to read "Complaint by Cuba of threats to international peace and security arising from new plans of aggression and acts of intervention being executed by the Government of the United States of America against the Revolutionary Government of Cuba".

7. In connexion with the item "Question of Hungary" (item 88, item 1 of A/BUR/155/Add.1), the Committee decided without objection to invite the representative of Hungary to the Committee table, and, by 17 votes to 3, to invite Sir Leslie Munro, United Nations Representative on Hungary. Following a discussion, it decided by 15 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions, to recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda.

8. Following a discussion concerning the inclusion of the items entitled "Question of the representation of China in the United Nations" and "Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations" (items 89 and 90, items 2 and 3 of A/BUR/155/Add.1), the Committee decided by 15 votes to none, with 5 abstentions, and by 7 votes to 3, with 10 abstentions, respectively, to recommend their inclusion in the agenda.

9. Representatives of the following Member States were invited to the Committee table and made statements on the items indicated: Portugal (items 27, 79, 82), Sweden (item 28 (e)), India (items 73, 75, 76, 79), South Africa (items 75, 76), Pakistan (items 75, 76), Cuba (item 78), Congo (Leopoldville) (item 82), Federation of Malaya (item 83), Thailand (item 83), Hungary (item 88), New Zealand (item 89).

10. Objections were raised by Portugal to the inclusion of items 27 and 79 and by South Africa to the inclusion of items 75 and 76.

11. In addition to those items on which the Committee voted, reservations to the inclusion of items were made as follows: United Kingdom (item 23), Bulgaria and USSR (item 32 (b)), France (item 80), China (items 89, 90).

## I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

12. Taking into account paragraphs 3-8 above, the General Committee recommends the adoption of the following agenda for the sixteenth regular session:<sup>2/</sup>

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Ireland (P.A.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.A.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the sixteenth session of the General Assembly (P.A.3):
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President (P.A.4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (P.A.5).
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (P.A.6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.A.7).
8. Adoption of the agenda (P.A.8).
9. Opening of the general debate (P.A.9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.A.10).
11. Report of the Security Council (P.A.11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.12).
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council (P.A.13).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.A.14).
15. Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council (P.A.15).<sup>1</sup>
16. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.16).
17. Election of the members of the International Law Commission (P.A.17).

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<sup>2/</sup> The number in parentheses after each item indicates the number under which the item appears on the provisional agenda (P.A.) (see A/4815) or the supplementary list (S.L.) (see A/4855). The additional items are indicated by (A.I.) (see A/4859, A/4872, A/4873, A/4874).

18. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter (P.A.18).
19. Question of disarmament (P.A.19).
20. The Korean question: reports of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (P.A.20).
21. Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (P.A.21).
22. Assistance to Africa (P.A.22, S.L.11):
  - (a) A United Nations programme for independence;
  - (b) Economic development of Africa;
  - (c) African educational development.
23. Question of Oman (P.A.23).
24. Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (P.A.24).
25. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.A.25).
26. United Nations Emergency Force (P.A.26):
  - (a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force;
  - (b) Report on the Force.
27. The situation in Angola: report of the Sub-Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV) (P.A.27).
28. Economic development of under-developed countries (P.A.28, S.L.13):
  - (a) Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization;
  - (b) Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund: report of the Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1521 (XV);
  - (c) Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Land reform: interim report of the Secretary-General;
  - (e) Provision of food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system.

29. Questions relating to international trade and commodities (P.A.29):
  - (a) Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Improvement of the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council.
30. Questions relating to science and technology (P.A.30, S.L.15):
  - (a) Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends: report of the Economic and Social Council.
31. Progress and operations of the Special Fund (P.A.31).
32. United Nations programmes of technical co-operation (P.A.32, S.L.14):
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Use of volunteer workers in the operational programmes of the United Nations and related agencies;
  - (c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.
33. Assistance to newly independent States: report of the Economic and Social Council (P.A.33).
34. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.A.34).
35. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (P.A.35).
36. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information (P.A.36).
37. Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information (P.A.37).
38. Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum (P.A.38).
39. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.39):
  - (a) Information on social conditions;
  - (b) Information on other conditions;
  - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information.

40. Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.40).
41. Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.41).
42. Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.42).
43. Participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.43).
44. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.44).
45. Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.45).
46. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.A.46).
47. Question of South West Africa (P.A.47):
  - (a) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
  - (b) Assistance of the specialized agencies and of the United Nations Children's Fund in the economic, social and educational development of South West Africa: reports of the agencies and of the Fund;
  - (c) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.
48. Question of the future of Western Samoa: report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa and report of the Trusteeship Council thereon (P.A.48).
49. Question of the future of Ruanda-Urundi: report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi (P.A.49).
50. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.50).
51. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.51).

52. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1961, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.A.52):
  - (a) United Nations;
  - (b) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (d) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
53. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1961 (P.A.53).
54. Budget estimates for the financial year 1962 (P.A.54).
55. United Nations operations in the Congo: cost estimates and financing (P.A.55).
56. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.A.56):
  - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
  - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
  - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
57. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.A.57).
58. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.A.58):
  - (a) Expenditure of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
  - (b) Expenditure as executing agencies for Special Fund projects.
59. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and with the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.A.59).
60. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (P.A.60).

61. Review of the activities and organization of the Secretariat: report of the Committee of Experts appointed under General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General (P.A.61).
62. Administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations: report of the working group appointed under General Assembly resolution 1620 (XV) (P.A.62).
63. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.63).
64. Personnel questions (P.A.64):
  - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat;
  - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
  - (c) Other personnel questions.
65. Base salary scales and post adjustments of the staff in the professional and higher categories of the international civil service: reports of the International Civil Service Advisory Board and of the Secretary-General (P.A.65).
66. Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (P.A.66).
67. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.67).
68. United Nations Library: report of the Secretary-General (P.A.68).
69. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirteenth session (P.A.69).
70. Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law (P.A.70).
71. Question of special missions (P.A.71).
72. The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control (P.A.72).
73. Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal (P.A.73).
74. The status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen); implementation of General Assembly resolution 1497 (XV) of 31 October 1960 (P.A.74).
75. Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistani origin in the Republic of South Africa (P.A.75, S.L.1).



76. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (P.A.76).
77. Enlargement of the International Law Commission (P.A.77).
78. Complaint by Cuba of threats to international peace and security arising from new plans of aggression and acts of intervention being executed by the Government of the United States of America against the Revolutionary Government of Cuba (S.L.2).
79. Non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, and resolution 1542 (XV) of the General Assembly (S.L.3).
80. Question of Algeria (S.L.4).
81. The prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons (S.L.5).
82. Problem raised by the situation of Angolan refugees in the Congo (S.L.6).
83. Question of Tibet (S.L.7).
84. Population growth and economic development (S.L.8).
85. Draft Convention and Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages (S.L.9).
86. Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance (S.L.10).
87. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (S.L.12).
88. The situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples (A.I.1).
89. Question of Hungary (A.I.2).
90. Question of the representation of China in the United Nations (A.I.3).
91. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations (A.I.4).

## II. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

13. The General Committee discussed the allocation of items proposed in the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/155) as well as the allocation of the items proposed subsequently. In its consideration, it took into account the proposals put forward in paragraph 8 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

14. With regard to the items suggested for allocation to the First Committee, the General Committee, by 12 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions, rejected a proposal that the item, "Question of disarmament", should be allocated to plenary meeting. It decided without objection to recommend that the item, "The situation in Angola, report of the Sub-Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV)", be allocated to the plenary meeting and that the item, "Problem raised by the situation of Angolan refugees in the Congo", be allocated to the Third Committee.

15. It decided to recommend that the item, "Assistance to Africa", should be divided into three parts, that the first part, "A United Nations programme for independence", should be allocated to plenary meeting, the second part, to be entitled "Economic development of Africa", should be allocated to the Second Committee and the third part, "African educational development", should be allocated to the Third Committee.

16. Following a discussion as to the allocation of the item, "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources", the Committee decided as follows: by 9 votes to 8, with 3 abstentions, it rejected a proposal that the item should be allocated to the Special Political Committee with reference as necessary to the Sixth Committee or to the joint consideration of the two Committees; by 9 votes to 8, with 3 abstentions, it rejected a proposal that the item be allocated to the Special Political Committee; by 11 votes to 4, with 5 abstentions, it decided to recommend that the item be allocated to the Sixth Committee. The Committee deferred consideration of its recommendation regarding the allocation of the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter V, paragraphs 424-432, see A/BUR/155, para. 8).

17. The Committee decided by 15 votes to 3, with 1 abstention, to recommend that the item, "Question of Hungary", should be allocated to plenary meeting and, without vote, to recommend that the item "Question of the representation of China in the

United Nations" and the item, "Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations", should similarly be allocated to plenary meeting.

18. The representative of the USSR expressed reservations regarding the allocation to plenary meeting of the items "Question of Tibet", and "Question of the representation of China in the United Nations", and the representative of China regarding the latter of these two items and the item "Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations".

19. Taking into account paragraphs 14 to 17 above, the General Committee recommends the following allocation of items:

#### Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Ireland.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the sixteenth session of the General Assembly
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.
6. Election of Vice-Presidents.
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.
8. Adoption of the agenda.
9. Opening of the general debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.
11. Report of the Security Council.
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VIII (except paras. 648, 650 and 651) and IX).
13. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
14. Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council.

15. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council.
16. Election of the members of the International Law Commission.
17. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter.
18. United Nations Emergency Force;  
(b) Report on the Force.
19. Question of Tibet.
20. The situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.
21. The situation in Angola: report of the Sub-Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV).
22. Assistance to Africa;  
(a) A United Nations programme for independence.
23. Question of Hungary.
24. Question of the representation of China in the United Nations.
25. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations.

#### First Committee

1. Question of disarmament.
2. The Korean question: reports of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.
3. Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
4. The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control.
5. Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal.
6. Complaint by Cuba of threats to international peace and security arising from new plans of aggression and acts of intervention being executed by the Government of the United States of America against the Revolutionary Government of Cuba.
7. Question of Algeria.
8. The prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons.

Special Political Committee

1. The status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen); implementation of General Assembly resolution 1497 (XV) of 31 October 1960.
2. Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistani origin in the Republic of South Africa.
3. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa.
4. Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.
5. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
6. Question of Oman.

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III, IV, V (except paras. 424 to 432) and VIII (paras. 648 and 650 only)).
2. Economic development of under-developed countries.
  - (a) Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization;
  - (b) Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund: report of the Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1521 (XV).
  - (c) Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Land reform: interim report of the Secretary-General;
  - (e) Provision of food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system.
3. Questions relating to international trade and commodities:
  - (a) Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Improvement of the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council.
4. Progress and operations of the Special Fund.
5. United Nations programmes of technical co-operation:
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Use of volunteer workers in the operational programmes of the United Nations and related agencies;
  - (c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.
6. Assistance to newly independent States: report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. Assistance to Africa:
  - (b) Economic development of Africa.
8. Questions relating to science and technology:
  - (a) Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends: report of the Economic and Social Council.
9. Population growth and economic development.

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VI (except para. 489) and VII).
2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
3. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights.
4. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
5. Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information.
6. Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum.
7. Draft Convention and Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages.
8. Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance.
9. Problem raised by the situation of Angolan refugees in the Congo.
10. Assistance to Africa:
  - (c) African educational development.



Fourth Committee

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council.
2. Question of the future of Western Samoa: report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa and report of the Trusteeship Council thereon.
3. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General.
4. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General.
5. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
  - (a) Information on social conditions;
  - (b) Information on other conditions;
  - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information.
6. Non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, and resolution 1542 (XV) of the General Assembly.
7. Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
8. Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
9. Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General.
10. Participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies: report of the Secretary-General.
11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General.
12. Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
13. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

14. Question of South West Africa:
  - (a) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
  - (b) Assistance of the specialized agencies and of the United Nations Children's Fund in the economic, social, and educational development of South West Africa: reports of the agencies and of the Fund;
  - (c) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.
15. Question of the future of Ruanda-Urundi: report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi.

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1960, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
  - (a) United Nations;
  - (b) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (d) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1961.
3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions.
4. Review of the activities and organization of the Secretariat: report of the Committee of Experts appointed under General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General.
5. Administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations: report of the working group appointed under General Assembly resolution 1620 (XV).
6. Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
7. Budget estimates for the financial year 1962.
8. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:
  - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
  - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
  - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

9. Personnel questions:
  - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat;
  - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
  - (c) Other personnel questions.
10. Base salary scales and post adjustments of the staff in the professional and higher categories of the international civil service: reports of the International Civil Service Advisory Board and of the Secretary-General.
11. United Nations Emergency Force:
  - (a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force.
12. United Nations operations in the Congo: cost estimates and financing.
13. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds.
14. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency:
  - (a) Expenditure of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
  - (b) Expenditure as executing agencies for Special Fund projects.
15. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and with the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
16. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.
17. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General.
18. United Nations Library: report of the Secretary-General.
19. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X).

Sixth Committee

1. Enlargement of the International Law Commission.
2. Question of special missions.
3. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirteenth session.
4. Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law.
5. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources.

### III. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

20. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/154), the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the following arrangements relating to the schedule of meetings:
- (a) That both plenary and Committee meetings should begin at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.;
  - (b) That a five-day working week be established, it being understood that meetings on Saturdays, as well as night meetings, may be scheduled should this prove necessary.
21. The General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure, 20 December 1961 as the closing date of the sixteenth session.
22. The General Committee approves the recommendation that the Main Committee to be provided with verbatim records should be the First Committee and that the debates of the Special Political Committee be transcribed from the sound recordings of the Committee's proceedings.
23. The General Committee noted with approval the seating arrangements for the General Assembly.

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