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Provisional programme of work for the Third Committee at the sixtieth session of the General Assembly

In accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, a provisional programme of work of the Third Committee at the sixtieth regular session of the General Assembly is submitted for adoption by the Committee at the end of its present session.

The following provisional programme of work will be adjusted, as required, further to its consideration by the plenary of the General Assembly and expected allocation of agenda items to the Third Committee, as well as relevant decisions the Assembly may take with regard to the revitalization of the work of the Third Committee.

Provisional programme of work

Item 1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

World social situation

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century

Policies and programmes involving youth

Family

Cooperatives in social development

International Year of Volunteers (2005)

Item 3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 4. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2005)

Item 5. International drug control

Action by the United Nations system; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in countering the world drug problem; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem and follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Item 6. Advancement of women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

Violence against women migrant workers

In depth study on violence against women

Item 7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Rights of the child; implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; children in armed conflict; promoting and protecting the rights of children, including children in particularly difficult situations; the girl child

Item 9. Indigenous Issues

Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Trust Fund in support of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean

Item 10. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee

International Covenants on Human Rights

Equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

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

World Programme for Human Rights Education

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character

Right to food

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Human rights and cultural diversity

Human rights and terrorism

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Human rights and mass exoduses

Human rights in the administration of justice

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

(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

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Item 11. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex))

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 12. Right of peoples to self-determination

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States
