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### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

#### AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

#### Report of the General Committee

The General Committee, at its 69th and 70th meetings held on 21 and 22 September 1950, considered the provisional agenda (A/1293), the supplementary list of items (A/1332), requests for the inclusion of additional items (A/1373, A/1375, A/1376) and the allocation of agenda items to committees. The Committee also considered and approved a memorandum of the Secretary-General on the organization of the session (A/BUR/122).

#### I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. The General Committee approved the suggestion of the Secretary-General that certain items on the provisional agenda and the supplementary list which relate to the same question should be grouped together or combined under a single item. The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the following:

- (1) To combine item 20 of the provisional agenda and item 9 of the supplementary list as follows:

Palestine:

- (a) Question of an international regime for the Jerusalem area and protection of the Holy Places: special report of the Trusteeship Council
- (b) Assistance to Palestine refugees: report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- (c) Repatriation of Palestine refugees and payment of compensation due to them: implementation of General Assembly resolutions regarding this question

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- (d) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
- (ii) To combine items 2 and 10 of the supplementary list as follows:  
Relations of States Members and specialized agencies with Spain
- (iii) To combine item 19 of the provisional agenda and item 1 of the supplementary list as follows:  
Admission of new Members to the United Nations, including the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
- (iv) To combine item 30 of the provisional agenda and item 7 of the supplementary list as follows:  
Freedom of information:
  - (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Interference with radio signals (Economic and Social Council resolution 306 B (XI))
  - (c) Question of the freedom of information and of the Press in times of emergency (Economic and Social Council resolution 306 C (XI))
- (v) To combine item 32 of the provisional agenda and item 4 of the supplementary list as follows:  
Refugees and stateless persons:
  - (a) Provisions for the functioning of the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees: draft resolution proposed by the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Definition of the term "refugee" to be applied by the High Commissioner for Refugees: recommendations of the Economic and Social Council
  - (c) Problems of assistance to refugees: Memorandum from the General Council of the International Refugee Organization of 20 October 1949
  - (d) Draft Convention relating to the status of refugees
  - (e) Election of the High Commissioner for Refugees

2. The General Committee decided to recommend that item 11 of the supplementary list should be redrafted as follows:

Complaint of failure on the part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to repatriate or otherwise account for prisoners of war detained in Soviet territory

and that the additional item the inclusion of which was requested by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in document A/1375 should be redrafted as follows:

Complaint by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics regarding aggression against China by the United States of America

3. The General Committee decided to recommend that item 53 of the provisional agenda "Draft Declaration on Rights and Duties of States: report of the Secretary-General" should be postponed to a future session.

4. On the proposal of the representative of China who had not yet received instructions from his Government, the General Committee agreed to postpone further consideration of the request of the United States of America for the inclusion in the agenda of the additional item "The question of Formosa" (A/1373).

5. Taking the above modifications into account, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

AGENDA OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of the Philippines
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Appointment of a 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
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

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12. Report of the Economic and Social Council
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council
14. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council
15. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council
16. Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council
17. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
18. Installation of the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Conference and General Services
19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations, including the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
20. Palestine:
  - (a) Question of an international regime for the Jerusalem area and protection of the Holy Places; special report of the Trusteeship Council
  - (b) Assistance to Palestine refugees: report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
  - (c) Repatriation of Palestine refugees and payment of compensation due to them; implementation of General Assembly resolutions regarding this question
  - (d) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
21. Former Italian colonies:
  - (a) Report of the United Nations Commissioner in Libya
  - (b) Reports of the Administering Powers in Libya
  - (c) Draft Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration; special report of the Trusteeship Council
  - (d) Report of the United Nations Commission for Eritrea
  - (e) Report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly on the report of the United Nations Commission for Eritrea
  - (f) Report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly on the procedure to be adopted to delimit the boundaries of the former Italian colonies in so far as they are not already fixed by international agreement

22. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece:
  - (a) Report of the United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans
  - (b) Repatriation of Greek children: report of the Secretary-General
23. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of China and to the peace of the Far East, resulting from Soviet violations of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance of 14 August 1945 and from Soviet violations of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly
24. The problem of the independence of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission on Korea
25. Observance in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania of human rights and fundamental freedoms: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
26. International control of atomic energy
27. Action to achieve and maintain full employment and economic stability: report of the Economic and Social Council
28. Economic development of under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council
29. Co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
  - (a) Agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Concentration of effort and resources: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (c) Administrative budgets of the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
  - (d) Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Secretary-General
30. Freedom of information:
  - (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Interference with radio-signals (Economic and Social Council resolution 306 B (XI))

/(c) Question

- (c) Question of the freedom of information and of the Press in times of emergency (Economic and Social Council resolution 306 C (XI))
- 31. Advisory social welfare services: report of the Economic and Social Council
- 32. Refugees and stateless persons:
  - (a) Provisions for the functioning of the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees: draft resolution proposed by the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Definition of the term "refugee" to be applied by the High Commissioner for Refugees: recommendations of the Economic and Social Council
  - (c) Problems of assistance to refugees: memorandum from the General Council of the International Refugee Organization of 20 October 1949
  - (d) Draft Convention relating to the status of refugees
  - (e) Election of the High Commissioner for Refugees
- 33. Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories: report of the Trusteeship Council
- 34. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
  - (a) Summary and analysis of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Secretary-General
  - (b) Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Special Committee
  - (c) Election of two members of the Special Committee
- 35. Question of South West Africa: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
- 36. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
- 37. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors
  - (a) United Nations, for the financial year ended 31 December 1949
  - (b) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1949
  - (c) United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees, for the period 1 December 1948 to 30 April 1950

38. Status of budgetary authorizations for the financial year 1950:
  - (a) Statement of 1950 budget expenses to 30 June 1950
  - (b) Advances from the Working Capital Fund: report of the Secretary-General
  - (c) Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 1950: report of the Secretary-General
  - (d) Supplementary estimates for 1950: report of the Secretary-General
39. Budget estimates for the financial year 1951:
  - (a) Budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General
  - (b) Salary, allowance and leave system of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
  - (c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
40. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions
41. Permanent Financial Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
42. Permanent Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
43. 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 appointment made by the Secretary-General
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal
44. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee
45. Expenses of the Permanent Central Opium Board. Assessment of non-members of the United Nations, signatories of the Convention of 19 February 1925 relating to narcotic drugs: report of the Secretary-General
46. Organization of a United Nations postal administration: report of the Secretary-General
47. United Nations telecommunications system: report of the Secretary-General
48. Convention

48. Convention on declaration of death of missing persons: report of the Secretary-General
49. Question of the majority required for the adoption by the General Assembly of amendments to and parts of proposals relating to important questions: report of the Secretary-General
50. Reparation for injuries incurred in the service of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
51. Designation of non-member States to which a certified copy of the Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes shall be communicated by the Secretary-General for the purpose of accession to this Act: report of the Secretary-General
52. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its second session
53. Draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences: report of the Secretary-General
54. Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: report of the Secretary-General
55. Regulations to give effect to article III, section 8, of the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America: report of the Secretary-General
56. Reservations to multilateral conventions
57. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa
58. Permanent invitation to the Arab League to attend sessions of the General Assembly
59. The appropriate adjustment of the frontiers between Egypt and the former Italian colony of Libya with particular reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex XI of the Treaty of Peace with Italy
60. Development of a 20-year programme for achieving peace through the United Nations
61. Recognition by the United Nations of the representation of a Member State
62. Relations of States Members and specialized agencies with Spain



63. Draft First International Covenant on Human Rights and measures of implementation
64. Long-range activities for children. United Nations International Children's Endowment Fund.
65. Technical assistance for Libya after achievement of independence
66. Strengthening of democratic principles as a means of contributing to the maintenance of universal peace.
67. Complaint of failure on the part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to repatriate or otherwise account for prisoners of war detained in Soviet territory
68. United action for peace
69. Declaration on the removal of the threat of a new war and the strengthening of peace and security among the nations
70. Complaint by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics regarding aggression against China by the United States of America

## II. ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

6. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends the establishment of an Ad Hoc Political Committee and a Joint Second and Third Committee on which each member may be represented by one person, as provided in rules 96 and 100 of the rules of procedure.

## III. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

7. The General Committee recommends the following allocation of agenda items to Committees:

### ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

#### PLENARY MEETINGS

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of the Philippines
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Appointment of a 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

/8. Adoption

8. Adoption of the agenda
9. Opening of the general debate
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
11. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council
12. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council
13. Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council
14. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
15. Installation of the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Conference and General Services
16. Election of the High Commissioner for Refugees
17. Admission of new Members to the United Nations, including the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
18. International control of atomic energy
19. Convention on Declaration of Death of Missing Persons: report of the Secretary-General
20. Permanent invitation to the Arab League to attend sessions of the General Assembly
21. Development of a 20-year programme for achieving peace through the United Nations

#### FIRST COMMITTEE

1. The problem of the independence of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission on Korea
2. United action for peace
3. Declaration on the removal of the threat of a new war and the strengthening of peace and security among the nations
4. Strengthening of democratic principles as a means of contributing to the maintenance of universal peace
5. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece:
  - (a) Report of the United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans
  - (b) Repatriation of Greek children: report of the Secretary-General
6. Threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of China and to the peace of the Far East, resulting from Soviet violations of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance of 14 August 1945 and from Soviet violations of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly

/7. Complaint

7. Complaint by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics regarding aggression against China by the United States of America

AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE

1. Former Italian colonies:
  - (a) Report of the United Nations Commissioner in Libya
  - (b) Reports of the Administering Powers in Libya
  - (c) Report of the United Nations Commission for Eritrea
  - (d) Report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly on the report of the United Nations Commission for Eritrea
  - (e) Report of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly on the procedure to be adopted to delimit the boundaries of the former Italian colonies in so far as they are not already fixed by international agreement
2. The appropriate adjustment of the frontiers between Egypt and the former Italian colony of Libya, with particular reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex XI of the Treaty of Peace with Italy
3. Relations of States Members and specialized agencies with Spain
4. Palestine:
  - (a) Question of an international regime for the Jerusalem area and protection of the Holy Places: special report of the Trusteeship Council
  - (b) Assistance to Palestine refugees: report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
  - (c) Repatriation of Palestine refugees and payment of compensation due to them: implementation of General Assembly resolutions regarding this question
  - (d) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine
5. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa
6. Recognition by the United Nations of the representation of a Member State
7. Observance in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania of human rights and fundamental freedoms: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice
8. Report of the Security Council

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SECOND COMMITTEE

1. Economic development of under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council
2. Technical assistance for Libya after achievement of independence
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III and IV)
4. Action to achieve and maintain full employment and economic stability: report of the Economic and Social Council

THIRD COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters V, VI and VII)
2. Advisory social welfare services: report of the Economic and Social Council
3. Refugees and stateless persons:
  - (a) Provisions for the functioning of the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees: draft resolution proposed by the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Definition of the term "refugee" to be applied by the High Commissioner for Refugees: recommendations of the Economic and Social Council
  - (c) Problems of assistance to refugees: Memorandum from the General Council of the International Refugee Organization of 20 October 1949
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  - (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council
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7. Complaint of failure on the part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to repatriate or otherwise account for prisoners of war detained in Soviet territory.

JOINT SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VIII, IX and X)  
Note: Chapter IX to be discussed in joint meeting with the Fifth Committee
2. Co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
  - (a) Agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Concentration of effort and resources: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (c) Administrative budgets of the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
  - (d) Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Secretary-GeneralNote: To be discussed in joint meeting with the Fifth Committee

FOURTH COMMITTEE

1. Draft Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration: special report of the Trusteeship Council
2. Report of the Trusteeship Council
3. Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories: report of the Trusteeship Council
4. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
  - (a) Summary and analysis of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Secretary-General
  - (b) Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Special Committee
  - (c) Election of two members of the Special Committee
5. Question of South West Africa: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice

FIFTH COMMITTEE

1. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
  - (a) United Nations, for the financial year ended 31 December 1949
  - (b) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1949
  - (c) United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees, for the period 1 December 1948 to 30 April 1950
2. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Staff Pensions Committee
3. Budget estimates for the financial year 1951:
  - (a) Budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General
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  - (c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
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  - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal
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8. Permanent Financial Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
9. Permanent Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General
10. Organization of a United Nations postal administration: report of the Secretary-General
11. Expenses of the Permanent Central Opium Board. Assessment of non-members of the United Nations, signatories of the Convention of 19 February 1925 relating to narcotic drugs: report of the Secretary-General
12. United Nations telecommunications system: report of the Secretary-General
13. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter IX)

Note: To be discussed in joint meeting with the Second and Third Committee

14. Co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
  - (a) Agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (b) Concentration of effort and resources: report of the Economic and Social Council
  - (c) Administrative budgets of the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
  - (d) Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Secretary-General

Note: To be discussed in joint meeting with the Second and Third Committee

#### SIXTH COMMITTEE

1. Question of the majority required for the adoption by the General Assembly of amendments to and parts of proposals relating to important questions: report of the Secretary-General
2. Reservations to multilateral conventions
3. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its second session
4. Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: report of the Secretary-General

/5. Regulations

5. Regulations to give effect to article III, section 8, of the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America: report of the Secretary-General
6. Draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences: report of the Secretary-General
7. Designation of non-member States to which a certified copy of the Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes shall be communicated by the Secretary-General for the purpose of accession to this Act: report of the Secretary-General
8. Reparation for injuries incurred in the service of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General

#### IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, 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 shall begin at 10.45 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
  - (b) That a six-day working week be established, and that normally on Saturdays one extended meeting be scheduled for Committees from 10.45 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
9. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, 30 November 1950 as the target date for the closing of the fifth session.
10. On the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve 4 October 1950 as the deadline after which requests for the inclusion of additional items in the agenda should not be made.