

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

72/518. Election of officers nominated for the bureaux of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2018–2019

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),⁴⁸ by a recorded vote of 142 to 21, with 3 abstentions,⁴⁹ noting that, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its forty-sixth session on the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,⁵⁰ on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,⁵¹ the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States had nominated their candidates for the offices of Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, First Vice-Chair of the Committee, Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, Chair of the Committee and Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee, respectively, for the period 2018–2019, endorsed the composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2018–2019, and agreed that the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, at their respective sessions in 2018, should elect their officers nominated for that period.

72/519. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).⁵²

72/520. Question of Gibraltar

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),⁵³ recalling its decision 71/521 of 6 December 2016:

(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 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;

⁴⁸ [A/72/446](#), para. 20.

⁴⁹ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, 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, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Algeria, Bahrain, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen

Abstaining: Bangladesh, China, Malaysia.

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, paras. 5–9.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/52/20)*, annex I; and *ibid.*, *Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, appendix III.

⁵² [A/72/449](#).

⁵³ [A/72/456](#), para. 44.

(b) Took note of the position of Spain on this issue, including its proposal to start new discussions on the basis of the Brussels Declaration, and also took note of Spain's presentation of a co-sovereignty offer before the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, on 4 October 2016;

(c) Took note of the position of the United Kingdom on this issue, that is, the commitment never to enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another State against their freely and democratically expressed wishes, nor enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content;

(d) Took note of the desire of the United Kingdom to continue with the trilateral Forum for Dialogue;

(e) Took note of the position of Spain that the trilateral Forum for Dialogue did 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;

(f) Encouraged the United Kingdom and Spain to engage in a constructive and responsive manner, with all relevant and appropriate parties, in order to find common solutions and make progress on issues of mutual benefit.

72/521. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),⁵⁴ approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Fourth Committee for the seventy-third session of the Assembly, as set out in the report of the Fourth Committee.⁵⁵

72/522. Programme planning (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 7 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).⁵⁶

4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

72/538. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁵⁷

72/539. Globalization and interdependence

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁵⁸

72/540. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2017, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁵⁹

⁵⁴ [A/72/481](#), para. 5.

⁵⁵ [A/72/481](#).

⁵⁶ [A/72/486](#).

⁵⁷ [A/72/418](#).

⁵⁸ [A/72/422](#).

⁵⁹ [A/72/423](#).