



General Assembly

5 September 2018

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Final programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2018

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 4 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ^{a,b}	Monday, 8 October, to Wednesday, 17 October (a.m.)	8
Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up to resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports (including on UNIDIR pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/69)	Tuesday, 16 October	
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 9 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion ^c on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 17 October (p.m.), to Wednesday, 31 October	13
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 18 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Monday, 22 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Thursday, 1 November, to Thursday, 8 November	6

^a A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of 8 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 13 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency.

^b Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

^c During thematic discussions, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 5 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 7 minutes.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1–5 October				4 October afternoon	
8–12 October	8 October morning	9 October morning	10 October morning	11 October morning	12 October morning
15–19 October	15 October afternoon	16 October afternoon	17 October morning and afternoon	18 October afternoon	19 October afternoon
22–26 October	22 October morning and afternoon	23 October morning	24 October morning	25 October morning	26 October morning
29 October– 2 November	29 October morning and afternoon	30 October afternoon	31 October afternoon	1 November afternoon	2 November afternoon
5–9 November	5 November morning	6 November morning	7 November ^a	8 November morning	9 November morning ^b

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventy-third session.

^a Diwali floating holiday (see resolution [69/250](#)).

^b If necessary.