Sixth Session

Third Committee A

Organization of Work of the Third Committee A

Note by Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda item allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee A are listed in the First Report of the General Committee to the WIMUN General Assembly (A (WIMUN)/6/150). Background information on this item may be found in the Secretary-General’s Report A(WIMUN)/6/2 entitled, “Elimination of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance”, which has been circulated to Member States beforehand.

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind the Provisional Agenda of the sixth session of the WIMUN General Assembly (A (WIMUN)/6/150) and the availability of documentation.

Length of statements

3. The Committee suggests to follow the guidelines in the First Report of the General Committee to the WIMUN General Assembly (A (WIMUN)/6/150) which recommends a time limit of 1 minute for individual Member States during the general debate in the Third Committee A. In this regard, the Committee encourages the Chairs to fully exercise their functions laid out in rule 13 of the rules of procedure.

Conference Facilities and meetings arrangements
4. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, eight meetings have been scheduled for the Third Committee A. Unless otherwise specified, six meetings will be held from 03:00 pm – 05:30 pm, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm on 2 February 2020; 09:00 am – 12:00 pm, 01:30 pm – 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm – 9:00pm on 2 February 2020; and 09:00 am – 12:00 pm on 3 February 2020. In this connection, the Committee decides to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work.

Informal Consultations

5. The Committee decides to use the first informal meeting to meet in the established Political Groups of Member States. This, and subsequent informal meetings should serve the purpose of reaching consensus on one draft resolution, as far as possible.

6. The Bureau may serve as, or appoint, facilitators in order to contribute to the process of reaching consensus.

7. Some of the informal meetings allocated to the Third Committee A may be utilized for consultations under the chairmanship of Bureau members, facilitators or other delegates. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations may be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal consultations.

Conclusions of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the Third Committee A, the Committee sets a target date of 3 February 2020 at 10:30 am for the conclusion of its work so that action on all draft resolutions can take place in the General Assembly Plenary at 03:30 pm on 3 February 2020.
Annex

Draft Programme of work of the Third Committee A

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1 February 2020 - Saturday

3:00pm – 3:30pm
Adoption of Organization of Work

3:30pm – 4:30pm
Interactive Session with Expert

4:30pm – 5:30pm
General Debate on Agenda Item 6: Elimination of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

7:00pm – 9:00pm
Drafting of resolutions

2 February 2020 - Sunday

9:00am – 12:00pm
Drafting resolutions/Informal Consultations to merge resolutions

1:30pm – 3:30pm
Informal Consultations to merge resolutions/Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

3:30pm – 5:30pm
Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

7:00pm – 9:00pm
Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments/add additional text if time allows

3 February 2020 - Monday

9:00am – 10:30am
Formal Meeting to adopt resolution