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First and Second Committees

Organization of Work of the First and Second Committees

Note by Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the First and Second Committees are listed in the General Assembly Provisional Agenda (A (WIMUN New York)/7/150). Background information on item 3 (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind) and agenda item 4 (Lethal Autonomous Weapons) may be found in a Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and an Informal Note prepared by UNODA Geneva respectively, which have been circulated to Member States beforehand.

Programme of Work

2. The draft Programme of Work is available in the Annex.

Length of statements

3. The Committee recommends a time limit of 1 minute 30 seconds for individual Member States during the General Debate in the First and Second Committees.

Conference Facilities and meetings arrangements

4. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, five meetings have been scheduled for the First and Second Committees. Unless otherwise specified, five meetings will be held from 01:30 p.m. – 06:00 pm on January 31; 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 01:30 p.m. – 05:30 p.m., 07:00 p.m. – 09:00 p.m. on February 1; and 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on February 2. 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. During the second informal meeting, delegates will draft resolutions in Regional Groups and then merge the different drafts until there is only resolution on the item. After introducing the resolutions, delegates will return to informal consultations to review the drafts line by line and propose amendments.
6. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations may be used for expressing general observations on the proposals. The Bureau may serve as, or appoint, facilitators in order to contribute to the process of reaching consensus.

Conclusions of the work of the Committee

7. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the First and Second Committees, the Committee sets a target date of 2 February 2024 at 12:00 p.m. for the conclusion of its work..

Annex

Programme of work for First and Second Committees

31 January 2024 – Wednesday

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Adoption of Organization of Work

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Interactive Session with Expert

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

General Debate

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Informal consultation to agree on 4 broad areas to guide the drafting of operative paragraphs

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Drafting of Resolution in Regional Groups (Informal Meeting)

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner break

1 February 2024 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Drafting of Resolution in Regional Groups (Informal Meeting)

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Regional Groups review colour-coded draft (Informal Consultations)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to merge Conference papers (Vienna Formula)

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to merge Conference papers (Vienna Formula)

2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

2 February 2024 – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wrap up debate of amendments and Final review of the Draft Resolution/add additional text if time allows (Informal Meeting)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Final Formal Meeting to adopt Resolution