



# General Assembly

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## Organization of Work of the First Committee

### Note by Secretariat

1. The agenda item allocated by the General Assembly to the First Committee is listed in the General Assembly Provisional Agenda (A (WIMUN)/11/150). Background information on item 7 (Prevention of an arms race in outer space) provided in a Secretary-General Report on “Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space” has been circulated to Member States beforehand.
2. The draft Program of Work of the First Committee is available in the Annex.

### Length of statements

3. The Committee recommends a time limit of 1 minute for individual Member States and 2 minutes for delegates speaking on behalf of regional groups during the General Debate.

### Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

4. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the First Committee, six meetings have been scheduled. Unless otherwise specified, five meetings will be held from 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., on 4 February 2025; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on 5 February 2025; and 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on 6 February 2025. In this connection, the Committee wishes to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly discussion of the assigned agenda item.

### **Informal Consultations**

5. During information consultations, delegates will draft resolutions in Regional Groups and then merge the different drafts until there is only resolution on the agenda item. After the merged draft has been prepared by the Secretariat, 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. If consensus is not reached on the draft resolution, it will be withdrawn.

### **Conclusion of the work of the First Committee**

7. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the Committee, a target date of 6 February 2025 at 12:00 pm is set for the conclusion of its work.

## **Annex**

### **Draft Program of Work of the First Committee**

#### 4 February 2025 – Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Delegate training (mandatory for all delegates)

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Adoption of Organization of Work

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Interactive Session with Expert

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

General Debate

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Informal consultation to agree on 4 broad areas to for the Operative section of the resolution

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

Drafting of Resolution in Regional Groups (Informal Meeting)

#### 5 February 2025 - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Informal Consultations to merge Conference papers (Vienna Formula)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose amendments

1:30 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

6 February 2025 – Thursday

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