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Organization of Work of the First Committee

Note by Secretariat

1. Background information on agenda item 6 (Lethal Autonomous Weapons) provided in a Secretary-General Report on “Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWS)” has been circulated to Member States beforehand.
2. The draft Programme 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, six meetings will be held from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., on 10 February 2026; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on 11 February 2026; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on 12 February 2026; and 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on 13 February 2026. 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 If consensus is not reached on the draft resolution, it will be withdrawn.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 13 February 2026 at 12:00 pm is set for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft Programme of Work of the First Committee

10 February 2026 – 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 UN Expert

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

General Debate

3:30- 4:00 p.m.

Agree on 4 broad areas (Informal Meeting)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Draft resolution in regional groups (Informal Meeting)

11 February 2026 – Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Draft resolution in regional groups (Informal Meeting)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Vienna Formula to merge draft resolutions (Informal Meeting)

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Informal consultations in regional groups to discuss amendments (Informal Meeting)

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

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments (Informal Meeting)

12 February 2026 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments (Informal Meeting)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments (Informal Meeting)

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Informal consultations in regional groups to discuss amendments (Informal Meeting)

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

Continue Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments (Informal Meeting)

13 February 2026 - 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