1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee for its consideration the following observations and proposals in connexion with the report to be made to the plenary meeting by the General Committee on the adoption of the agenda of the thirteenth session and the allocation of agenda items:

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the thirteenth session have been communicated to Members of the General Assembly in the following documents:

Provisional agenda of the thirteenth session (A/3846);
Supplementary list of items for the agenda of the thirteenth session (A/3894);
United States of America: request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the thirteenth session (A/3902).

3. In connexion with item 29 of the provisional agenda, relating to programmes of technical assistance, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in resolution 681 (XXVI) concerning the proposal for the establishment of an international administrative service. The Secretary-General suggests that this question be considered as a new sub-item (c) entitled "Establishment of an international administrative service" under item 29.

4. With reference to item 35 of the provisional agenda, relating to freedom of information, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the Committee's attention to resolution 683 C (XXVI) of the Economic and Social Council in which the Council has asked the Commission on Human Rights to complete its recommendations on freedom of information in the light, inter alia, of comments to be invited from States Members, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations. In view of this resolution, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly the deletion of sub-item (b) of item 35 of the provisional agenda, entitled "Reports of the Economic and Social Council under the Commission on Human Rights".

5. In connexion with item 50 of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General notes that, pursuant to article XVI of the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency (General Assembly resolution 1145 (XIII)), the Agency will transmit its annual budget to the United Nations for such recommendations as the General Assembly may wish to make on the administrative aspects thereof. The Secretary-General assumes that this budget may be considered, under the terms of the Agreement, under item 50, and that the normal procedures for review of budgets of the specialized agencies may be applied in the case of the budget of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

6. The Secretary-General wishes to point out that item 53, sub-item (d) "Other personnel questions", of the provisional agenda relates exclusively to a report by the Secretary-General on the Staff Regulations of the United Nations. Accordingly, he suggests that the sub-item should read "Staff Regulations of the United Nations".

7. Taking into account paragraphs 3 to 6 above, the agenda of the thirteenth session would read as follows:

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of New Zealand (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly (P.3):
   (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President (P.4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (P.5).
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (P.6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter (P.7).
8. Adoption of the agenda (P.8).
9. Opening of the general debate (P.9).
15. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council (P.15).
16. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (P.16).
17. Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council (P.17).
18. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission (P.18).

1/ The abbreviations used in the agenda indicate the following: P. = an item on the provisional agenda (A/3846); S. = an item on the supplementary list (A/3894); A. = an additional item (A/3902).

21. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council (P.21).

22. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council (P.22).

23. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice (P.23).


25. Effects of atomic radiation (P.25):
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field.


   (a) Report of the Agent General of the Agency;
   (b) Progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.

28. Economic development of under-developed countries (P.28):
   (a) Establishment of the Special Fund: reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Fund and of the Economic and Social Council;
   (b) International tax problems: report of the Economic and Social Council.

29. Programmes of technical assistance (P.29):
   (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
   (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
   (c) Establishment of an international administrative service.

30. Question of assistance to Libya (P.30).


32. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (P.32).

33. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination (P.33).

34. Advisory services in the field of human rights: report of the Economic and Social Council (P.34).


36. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.36):
   (a) Information on social conditions;
   (b) Information on other conditions;
   (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
   (d) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General;
   (e) Report of the Secretary-General on developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;
   (f) Offers of study and training facilities under resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954: report of the Secretary-General.

37. Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.37).

38. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.38).

39. Question of South West Africa (P.39):
   (a) Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa;
   (b) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
   (c) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfillment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: resumed consideration of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
   (d) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.


41. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy (P.41).

42. Financial reports and accounts and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.42):
   (a) United Nations (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
   (b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
   (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (for the financial period ended 31 December 1957);
   (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1958);
   (e) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957).

43. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958 (P.43).

44. Budget estimates for the financial year 1959 (P.44).

45. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (P.45):
   (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
(b) Committee on Contributions;
(c) Board of Auditors;
(d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
(e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
(f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

46. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (P.46).

47. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (P.47).


49. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (P.49).

50. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.50).

51. Control and limitation of documentation (P.51).
(a) Report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation;
(b) Report of the Secretary-General.

52. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations: report of the Secretary-General and observations thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (P.52).

53. Personnel questions (P.53):
(a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;
(b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
(c) Pensionsable remuneration of the staff;
(d) Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.

54. United Nations International School and delegation office facilities: reports of the Secretary-General (P.54).

55. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information, and comments and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General (P.55).


57. Question of arbitral procedure (P.57).

58. Question of initiating a study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays (P.58).


60. The banning of the use of cosmic space for military purposes, the elimination of foreign military bases on the territories of other countries and international co-operation in the study of cosmic space (P.60).

61. Measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of principles of peaceful co-existence among States (P.61).

62. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa (P.62):
(a) Report of the Government of India;


64. Question of Antarctica (P.64).

65. Question of Algeria (P.65).

66. Question of disarmament (P.66).

(a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force;
(b) Progress report on the Force;
(c) Summary study of the experience derived from the establishment and operation of the Force.


69. Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa (S.1).

70. Question of Cyprus (S.2).

71. The situation in Hungary (S.3).

72. Programme for international co-operation in the field of outer space (A.1).

II. ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

8. In connexion with the proposed allocation of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the plenary meetings, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the Council's recommendation (resolution 694 B (XXVI)), contained in section VI of this chapter, concerning an increase in the membership of the Council. The Secretary-General suggests that section VI of this chapter should be considered by the Special Political Committee during its consideration of item 22 of the provisional agenda.

9. With reference to the allocation to the Fifth Committee of chapter X of the report of the Economic and Social Council, attention is also drawn to section II of Economic and Social Council resolution 694 B (XXVI) relating to the timing of the distribution of documentation of the Council and its commissions. Since the Fifth Committee will be considering, under item 51 of the provisional agenda, other questions relating to documentation, the Secretary-General suggests that consideration of this resolution might also be undertaken by that Committee.

10. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee with regard to the adoption of the agenda, the Secretary-General proposes for consideration by the Committee the allocation of agenda items set forth below.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of New Zealand.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President.

5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers.

6. Election of Vice-Presidents.

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter.

8. Adoption of the agenda.


12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, with the exception of section VI, and chapters VIII and IX).


14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council.

15. Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council.

16. Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission.

17. Appointment of members of the Disarmament Commission.


19. United Nations Emergency Force:
   (b) Progress report on the Force;
   (c) Summary study of the experience derived from the establishment and operation of the Force.


21. The situation in Hungary.


First Committee


2. The banning of the use of cosmic space for military purposes, the elimination of foreign military bases on the territories of other countries and international co-operation in the study of cosmic space.

3. Measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of principles of peaceful co-existence among States.

4. Question of Algeria.

5. Question of disarmament.

6. Question of Cyprus.

7. Programme for international co-operation in the field of outer space.

8. Effects of atomic radiation:
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field.

Special Political Committee

1. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council.

2. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council.

3. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice.


5. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa:
   (a) Report of the Government of India;

6. Question of Antarctica.

7. Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa.


Second Committee

1. Economic development of under-developed countries:
   (a) Establishment of the Special Fund: reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Fund and of the Economic and Social Council;
   (b) International tax problems: report of the Economic and Social Council.

2. Programmes of technical assistance:
   (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
   (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
   (c) Establishment of an international administrative service.

3. United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency:
   (a) Report of the Agent General of the Agency;
   (b) Progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.

4. Question of assistance to Libya.

Third Committee
1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VI and VII).
4. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination.

Fourth Committee
1. Question of South West Africa:
   (a) Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa;
   (b) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
   (c) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: resumed consideration of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
   (d) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.
4. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories:
   (a) Information on social conditions;
   (b) Information on other conditions;
   (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
   (d) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General;
   (g) Report of the Secretary-General on developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;
   (f) Offers of study and training facilities under resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954: report of the Secretary-General.
6. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
7. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy.

Fifth Committee
1. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors:
   (a) United Nations (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
   (b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);
   (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (for the financial period ended 31 December 1957);
   (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1958);
   (e) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957).
2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958.
4. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:
   (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
   (b) Committee on Contributions;
   (c) Board of Auditors;
   (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
   (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
   (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
5. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds.
8. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account.
11. Control and limitation of documentation:
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation;
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
12. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations: report of the Secretary-General and observations thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
13. Personnel questions:
   (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;
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(b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
(c) Pensionable remuneration of the staff;
(d) Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.


15. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information, and comments and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General.

16. United Nations Emergency Force:
(a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force.

Sixth Committee


2. Question of arbitral procedure.

3. Question of initiating a study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays,


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[16 September 1958]

1. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to a request (A/3915), submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics since the issuance of his memorandum of 11 September 1958 (A/BUR/148), for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

"The discontinuance of atomic and hydrogen weapons tests".

2. Should the item be recommended for inclusion in the agenda, the Secretary-General suggests that it be allocated to the First Committee for consideration and report.

DOCUMENT A/BUR/149

Organization of the thirteenth session: memorandum by the Secretary-General

[Original text: English]
[10 September 1958]

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee the following observations and suggestions regarding the arrangements for the meetings of the General Assembly and its Main Committees during the thirteenth session.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2. It is suggested that both plenary and committee meetings should begin promptly at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

3. It is proposed that a five-day working week be established, it being understood that extended morning meetings on Saturdays may be scheduled should this prove necessary.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE SESSION

4. Rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that: "On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly shall, at the beginning of each session, fix a closing date for the session." The Secretary-General wishes to suggest that the General Committee propose to the General Assembly 12 December 1958 as the closing date of the thirteenth session.

VERBATIM RECORDS OF MAIN COMMITTEES

5. The Secretary-General has the honour to recall that, in previous years, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Fifth Committee at the second session of the Assembly, verbatim records have been authorized "for one Main Committee at a time, the committee which, in the opinion of the General Committee, has the most important items on its agenda".

The Secretary-General suggests that, as in previous sessions, verbatim services be provided for the First Committee; in addition, as a consequence of internal procedures which have been developed, the Secretary-General will also be in a position to transcribe the debates of the Special Political Committee.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

6. In accordance with the practice followed at previous sessions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General caused lots to be drawn for the purpose of choosing the Member to occupy the first desk on the Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. Belgium was the name drawn, and, consequently, the representative of Belgium will sit at the first desk at the extreme right of the President. At the initial meetings of the Main Committees, the same seating order will be observed. There will be, however, a weekly rotation of five places in the Main Committees thereafter.


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First report of the General Committee

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[19 September 1958]

1. The General Committee, at its 117th, 118th and 119th meetings on 17 and 19 September 1958, considered the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly (A/3840), the supplementary list