Twenty-eighth session
FIRST COMMITTEE

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Letter dated 21 September 1973 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to inform you that at its 2123rd plenary meeting, held today, the General Assembly decided to allocate the following items to the First Committee for consideration and report:

1. Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security (item 29).

2. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (item 30).

3. Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (item 31).


5. General and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 33).

The General Assembly also decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/9125), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 15, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connexion with its consideration of item 33.

6. Napalm and other incendiary weapons and all aspects of their possible use: report of the Secretary-General (item 34).

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7. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 35).

8. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests (item 36):
   (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General.

9. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2935 (XXVII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the Secretary-General (item 37).


12. Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (item 40).

   The General Assembly also decided that the First Committee should accord priority to item 40.

13. Question of Korea (item 41):
   (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea;
   (b) Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

In addition, the General Assembly expressed the view that chapter II (General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments), chapter IV (Collective economic security) and chapter XVII (The sea) of the report of the Economic and Social Council, (item 12), which have been allocated to the Second Committee, might be of interest to the First Committee.

(Signed) Leopoldo BENITES