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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Organization of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/69/1)

1. **The Chair** drew attention to General Assembly resolution 68/307, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, particularly paragraphs 10 and 15. He would consult with the General Committee members and Member States on the preliminary programme of thematic debates with a view to facilitating, where appropriate, results-oriented and productive outcomes of such debates. A total of four high-level events had been planned; details would be provided shortly.

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

2. **The Chair** drew attention to the memorandum by the Secretary-General regarding the organization of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/69/1).

Chapter II. Organization of the session

3. **The Chair** drew attention to paragraph 6 of the Secretary-General's memorandum and said he trusted that he would shortly receive from each of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly a letter concerning the designation of a liaison person for the duration of the session. He also drew attention to paragraph 24 of the memorandum, in which the Secretary-General suggested that the general debate should continue on Saturday, 27 September 2014, in order to maximize the number of speakers during that week.

4. *The Committee took note of all the relevant information contained in chapter II of the memorandum. It decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to all the necessary information, in particular, that contained in paragraph 48 of the memorandum concerning the timely submission of draft proposals for the review of their programme budget implications, and to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take action on all the proposals contained in that chapter. It also decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the information contained in paragraph 52 of the memorandum on the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of the phrase "within available*

resources" and on the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the General Assembly thoroughly and accurately as to the availability of resources to implement a new activity. The Committee further decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the general debate should continue on Saturday, 27 September 2014.

Chapter III. Adoption of the agenda

5. **The Chair** informed the Committee that, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the draft agenda was organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization as contained in every medium-term plan, or in the strategic framework, with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters".

Paragraphs 58 to 60

6. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 58 to 60 of the memorandum.*

Inclusion of items

7. **The Chair** said that, since the agenda was organized under nine headings, the Committee might wish to consider the inclusion of items under each heading as a whole. However, it might wish to take separate decisions on certain items, where it was deemed appropriate, including in some cases the placement of items under appropriate headings.

8. The draft agenda contained six new items, namely item 13 (b) under heading A (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), item 95 (b) under heading G (Disarmament) and items 171 to 174 under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Paragraph 61

Items 1 to 8

9. **The Chair** drew attention to paragraph 61 of the memorandum. Items 1 to 8 were not under any heading. The General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 and 2. Items 3 to 8 related to organizational matters.

10. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of items 1 to 8.*

Heading A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

Item 13 (b). Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

11. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 13 (b) had been included in the draft agenda pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/234, tentatively under heading A.

12. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 13 (b) under heading A.*

13. *The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading A, taking into account the decision taken regarding item 13 (b).*

Heading B. Maintenance of international peace and security

Item 39. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

14. **The Chair** said that the General Assembly, at the 109th plenary meeting of its sixty-eighth session, had decided to include item 39 in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session.

15. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 39 under heading B, on the understanding that there would be no consideration of the item until further notice.*

Item 60. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India

16. **The Chair** said that the General Assembly, at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-eighth session, had decided to include item 60 in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session. The representative of Madagascar had asked to participate in the discussion of the item. He took it that the Committee wished to accede to his request.

17. *It was so decided.*

18. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Andrianarivelo-Razafy (Madagascar) took a place at the Committee table.*

19. **Mr. Gata Mavita wa Lufuta** (Democratic Republic of the Congo) said that on the basis of consultations held by the delegations of France and Madagascar, he proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of item 60 should be deferred to its seventieth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session, without prejudice to the position of either Madagascar or France.

20. **Mr. Andrianarivelo-Razafy** (Madagascar) welcomed the continued inclusion by the General Assembly of the item in the agenda of its regular sessions. The question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India was expected to be discussed by the Heads of State of France and Madagascar during the latter's official visit to France on 19 and 20 September 2014. Therefore, his delegation supported the proposal that consideration of item 60 should be deferred to the seventieth session of the General Assembly.

21. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of item 60 should be deferred to its seventieth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.*

22. *The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading B, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 39 and 60.*

23. *Mr. Andrianarivelo-Razafy (Madagascar) withdrew.*

Heading C. Development of Africa

24. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the item listed under heading C.*

Heading D. Promotion of human rights

25. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading D.*

Heading E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

26. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the item listed under heading E.*

Heading F. Promotion of justice and international law

27. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading F.*

Heading G. Disarmament

Item 95 (b). No first placement of weapons in outer space

28. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 95 (b) had been requested by the Russian Federation ([A/69/192](#)).

29. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 95 (b) under heading G.*

30. *The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading G, taking into account the decisions taken regarding item 95 (b).*

Heading H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

31. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading H.*

Heading I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

Item 171. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States

32. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 171 had been requested by Belarus ([A/69/141](#)).

33. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 171 under heading I.*

Item 172. Observer status for the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation in the General Assembly

34. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 172 had been requested by Pakistan ([A/69/142](#)).

35. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 172 under heading I.*

Item 173. Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly

36. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 173 had been requested by Fiji ([A/69/143](#)).

37. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 173 under heading I.*

Item 174. Seventieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

38. **The Chair** said that the inclusion of item 174 had been requested by Armenia, Belarus, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan ([A/69/191](#)).

39. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 174 under heading I.*

40. *The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading I, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 171 to 174.*

Chapter IV. Allocation of items

Paragraphs 62 to 64

41. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 62 to 64 of the memorandum.*

Paragraph 65

42. **The Chair** said that, in paragraph 65 of his memorandum, the Secretary-General had listed items of the draft agenda which had not been considered previously by the General Assembly. If the members of the Committee agreed, he would first request the Committee to decide on the recommendation it should make regarding the allocation of those items, which it

had just recommended for inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-ninth session.

43. *It was so decided.*

Item 13 (b). Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

44. **The Chair** said that owing to the nature of item 13 (b), the Secretary-General had suggested that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

45. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 13 (b) should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Item 95 (b). No first placement of weapons in outer space

46. **The Chair** said that, owing to the nature of item 95 (b), the Secretary-General had suggested that it should be allocated to the First Committee.

47. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 95 (b) should be allocated to the First Committee.*

Item 171. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States

48. **The Chair**, recalling that, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [55/285](#) and [58/316](#), all cooperation items should be clustered under an item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional other organizations" and that individual cooperation items should become sub-items of that item, said that item 171 would become item 124 (y). Owing to the nature of the item, the Secretary-General had suggested that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

49. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 124 (y) should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Item 172. Observer status for the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation in the General Assembly

Item 173. Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly

50. **The Chair** recalled that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution [54/195](#), any request by an

organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly would be considered in plenary meeting after consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee. The Committee would therefore proceed accordingly with the consideration of items 172 and 173.

51. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that items 172 and 173 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.*

Item 174. Seventieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

52. **The Chair** said that the sponsors of item 174 had requested that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

53. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 174 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Item 9. Report of the Economic and Social Council

54. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 71 and decided to recommend that the General Assembly, when considering item 9 in its entirety in plenary meeting, should take note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution [58/316](#), the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council would be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.*

Item 13. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Item 116. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

55. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 72 regarding item 13.*

56. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 73 regarding items 13 and 116.*

Item 26 (b). Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

57. *The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 74.*

Item 64. Report of the Human Rights Council

58. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 75.

Item 65 (a). Promotion and protection of the rights of children

59. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 76.

Item 66. Rights of indigenous peoples

60. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 77.

Item 67 (b). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

61. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 78.

Item 97. General and complete disarmament

62. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 97.

Item 109. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

63. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 80.

Item 119. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

64. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 119 should be allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

Item 133. Programme planning

65. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 133 of the draft agenda should be allocated to all the Main Committees and to the plenary Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

Item 144. Administration of justice at the United Nations

66. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 144 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee and to the Sixth Committee in the light of resolution [68/254](#).

Plenary Assembly

67. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 9, 13 (b), 124 (y), 133 and 174.

First Committee

68. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 87, 95 (b), 119 and 133.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee

69. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 119 and 133.

Second Committee

70. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 119 and 133.

Third Committee

71. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 119 and 133.

Fifth Committee

72. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 119, 133 and 144.

Sixth Committee

73. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 119, 133, 144, 172 and 173.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.