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**Eightieth session
Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)**

Organization of work

Note by the Chair

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for consideration are listed in document [A/C.4/80/1](#). Background information on those items, including references to related documentation, is set out in the annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the eightieth session ([A/80/100](#) and [A/80/100/Add.1](#)).¹
2. The General Assembly, in rule 99, paragraph (b), of its rules of procedure, calls upon each Main Committee to adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated for the consideration of each item.
3. The General Assembly decided that the eightieth session should recess on Monday, 8 December 2025, and that, inter alia, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should complete its work by Wednesday, 19 November 2025 (see [A/80/250](#), para. 5 (a) and (b)).
4. To that end, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) may wish to consider adopting as a provisional guideline the approximate dates set out below for the consideration of the items on its agenda, with the understanding that they may be revised periodically, as appropriate. The Committee will also consider certain items on its agenda jointly in order to ensure the full and efficient utilization of the conference facilities allocated to it. As indicated below, the conference services have allocated 28 meetings to the Committee and have urged the Committee to make every effort to complete its work within the time allotted. Should the Committee wish to change the dates on which it considers items, it would still have to work within the dates and times indicated below.

¹ For the final list of agenda items adopted by the General Assembly, see [A/80/251](#).



Date/time	Programme
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Week of 29 September–3 October

Friday, 3 October

3 p.m.

Organization of work

Approval of programme of work

Approval of time limits for statements

Establishment of Working Group of the Whole on the peaceful uses of outer space

Consideration of aide-mémoire containing requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories

Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations (item 59)

General debate

4 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on “Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations”

Week of 6–10 October

Monday, 6 October

3 p.m.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (item 54)

Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 55)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 56)

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 57)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 58)

Introductory statements and joint general debate on decolonization items:

Approval of requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories

Tuesday, 7 October

3 p.m.

Consideration of decolonization items (continues)

Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
Wednesday, 8 October	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (continues) Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on decolonization items Deadline for submission of proposals on “Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations”
Thursday, 9 October	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (continues) Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
Friday, 10 October	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (continues) Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
Week of 13–17 October	
Monday, 13 October	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (continues) Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee (<i>if needed</i>) Joint general debate on decolonization items (<i>continues</i>)
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on decolonization items
Tuesday, 14 October	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (continues) Joint general debate on decolonization items (<i>continues</i>)
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on “Effects of atomic radiation”
Wednesday, 15 October	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (continues) Joint general debate on decolonization items (<i>continues</i>)
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on “Assistance in mine action”

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Thursday, 16 October

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| 10 a.m. | Consideration of decolonization items (concludes)
Joint general debate on decolonization items (<i>concludes</i>)
Action on proposals submitted under decolonization items
Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations (item 59)
Action on proposals |
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Week of 20–24 October

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| Monday, 20 October | Diwali |
| Tuesday, 21 October | |
| 6 p.m. | Closure of the list of speakers on “Effects of atomic radiation” |
| Wednesday, 22 October | |
| 3 p.m. | Effects of atomic radiation (item 47)
Introductory statement, interactive dialogue and general debate
Action on proposals
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (item 121)
Discussion of working methods
Programme planning (item 137)
Consideration of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
6 p.m.
Closure of the list of speakers on “Assistance in mine action” |
| Thursday, 23 October | |
| 3 p.m. | Assistance in mine action (item 46)
Introductory statement, interactive dialogue and general debate
Action on proposals
6 p.m.
Deadline for submission of proposals on “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space” |
| Week of 27–31 October | |
| Wednesday, 29 October | |
| 10 a.m. | International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 48)
Introductory statement and general debate
Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space
6 p.m.
Closure of the list of speakers on “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space” |

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Thursday, 30 October

- 10 a.m. **International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 48)**
 General debate (*continues*)
 Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*continues*)

Friday, 31 October

- 10 a.m. **International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 48)**
 General debate (*concludes*)
 Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*concludes*)
 Action on proposals
- 6 p.m. Deadline for the submission of proposals on “Questions relating to information”

Week of 3–7 November**Monday, 3 November**

- 3 p.m. **Questions relating to information (item 53)**
 Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate
- 6 p.m. Closure of the list of speakers on “Questions relating to information”

Tuesday, 4 November

- 3 p.m. **Questions relating to information (item 53)**
 General debate (*continues*)
- 6 p.m. Deadline for submission of proposals on “Comprehensive review of special political missions”

Wednesday, 5 November

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Week of 10–14 November**Monday, 10 November**

- 10 a.m. **Questions relating to information (item 53)**
 General debate (*concludes*)
 Action on proposals
- 3 p.m. **Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 51)**
 Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate
- 6 p.m. Closure of the list of speakers on “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects”

Date/time	Programme
Tuesday, 11 November	
10 a.m.	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 51) General debate (<i>continues</i>)
3 p.m.	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 51) General debate (<i>concludes</i>)
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on “Comprehensive review of special political missions” Deadline for submission of proposals on “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East” and “Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories” Deadline for submission of proposals on all outstanding items
Wednesday, 12 November	
10 a.m.	Comprehensive review of special political missions (item 52) Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate Action on proposals
Thursday, 13 November	
10 a.m.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 49) Introductory statements, question-and-answer period and general debate
3 p.m.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 49) General debate (<i>continues</i>)
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on “United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East”
Friday, 14 November	
10 a.m.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 49) General debate (<i>concludes</i>)
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on “Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories”

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Week of 17–21 November**Monday, 17 November**

- 10 a.m. **Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories (item 50)**
Introductory statements, question-and-answer period and general debate

Tuesday, 18 November

- 10 a.m. **Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories (item 50)**
General debate (*concludes*)
Consideration of outstanding agenda items

Wednesday, 19 November

- 10 a.m. **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 49)**
Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories (item 50)
Introduction of and action on proposals
Action on proposals on all outstanding agenda items
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (item 121)
Proposed programme of work and timetable for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the eighty-first session of the General Assembly
Programme planning (item 137)
Conclusion of the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the main part of the session

5. In the preparation of the timetable above, the Chair was guided by the following considerations:

- (a) In accordance with established procedures and practices and bearing in mind the availability of documentation, the Committee may wish to hold one joint general debate covering agenda items 54 to 58 and individual debates on agenda items 46 to 53, 59, 121 and 137, on the understanding that draft resolutions and/or decisions will be considered separately;
- (b) Representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories and petitioners will be heard as early as possible during the Committee's consideration of the related items, and the Chair suggests that the Committee devote its meetings from Tuesday, 7 October to Monday, 13 October, to the hearing of petitioners;
- (c) Item 121, Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, is allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work;

(d) Item 137, Programme planning, is allocated to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance the discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports. If the Assembly allocates any report submitted under this item to the Fourth Committee, the Committee shall revert to this item.

6. Subject to the provisional programme of work above being acceptable to the Committee and in order to facilitate its work, the Chair wishes to suggest that the list of speakers in the general debate for the respective agenda items be closed as indicated in the timetable above.

7. The Chair also wishes to draw the attention of members of the Committee to the decisions of the General Assembly on the organization of its work contained in document [A/80/250](#), sections II.B to III.

8. Members are also requested to bear in mind the decision of the General Assembly that morning and afternoon meetings should start promptly at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively, both for plenary meetings and for meetings of the Main Committees during the eightieth session. The attention of the members is also drawn to the decision of the Assembly to waive, at its eightieth session, the quorum required, under rule 108 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, for the Chair to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed (see [A/80/250](#), para. 8).

9. In view of the limited number of meetings available to the Committee, it is suggested that the time limit for statements be set at 10 minutes, with the exception of statements made by the spokespersons of groups of delegations, which would be extended to 15 minutes. In this connection, the Chair will set the time limit for the petitioners as deemed necessary.

10. The list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is contained in document [A/C.4/80/INF.1](#), which will be updated as necessary.
