Agenda of the General Assembly
Agenda of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly (A/77/251)

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

10. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS.
11. Sport for development and peace.
12. 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.
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.
B. Maintenance of international peace and security


29. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

30. Prevention of armed conflict:
   (a) Prevention of armed conflict;
   (b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution.

31. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development.

32. The situation in the Middle East.

33. Question of Palestine.
C. Development of Africa

62. New Partnership for Africa’s Development: progress in implementation and international support:
   (a) New Partnership for Africa’s Development: progress in implementation and international support;
   (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights


64. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:
   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

65. Rights of indigenous peoples:
   (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

69. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:
   
   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;
   
   (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
   
   (c) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;
   
   (d) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

F. Promotion of justice and international law


72. Oceans and the law of the sea:
   
   (a) Oceans and the law of the sea;
   
G. Disarmament


90. Reduction of military budgets:
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.


92. Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco).


94. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

95. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

96. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

97. Prevention of an arms race in outer space:
H. **Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations**


110. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.

111. International drug control.

112. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.
I. Organizational, administrative and other matters


115. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

116. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(a) Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice.

117. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;

(c) Election of members of the Human Rights Council;

(d) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(e) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

118. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:
137. Programme budget for 2022.

163. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:
    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;
19. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session a report, within existing resources, on actions taken by Member States, on the basis of information provided by them, and those taken system-wide by all concerned entities of the United Nations to implement the present resolution and on heightened activities by the Organization and its affiliated agencies to implement the Programme of Action and to promote a culture of peace and non-violence;

20. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session the item entitled “Culture of peace”.
14. Culture of peace (resolutions 64/13, 65/5, 75/258 and 76/68).

A/RES/64/13 4. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed at its sixty-fifth session of the implementation of the present resolution within the United Nations system, and thereafter to keep the Assembly informed on an annual basis concerning the observance of Nelson Mandela International Day;

A/RES/65/5 4. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

A/RES/75/258 13. Requests the United Nations Secretar y-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders, and decides to continue consideration of the question of promoting a culture of peace and tolerance to safeguard religious sites under the item entitled “Culture of peace”.

6. What is the procedure for requesting the inclusion of an item in the agenda?

A request for the inclusion of an item in the agenda should be addressed to the Secretary-General, with a copy, if possible, to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (gaab@un.org). In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, a request for the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda of a forthcoming regular session should be made at least 60 days before the opening of the session. A request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, should be made at least 30 days before the opening of the session. Afterwards, additional items of an important and urgent character may be proposed for inclusion in the agenda, including during the session, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure. Unless the Assembly decides otherwise by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, no additional item may be considered until seven days have elapsed since it was placed on the agenda and until a committee has reported upon the question concerned. In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, any items proposed for inclusion in the agenda must be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum and, if possible, by basic documents or a draft resolution.
Request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the seventy-second session

The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity

Letter dated 11 August 2017 from the Permanent Representatives of Australia and Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of Australia and the Permanent Mission of Ghana, we have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled “The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity”.

In accordance with annex IV, paragraph 18, to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we request that the item be referred to the plenary of the Assembly. It is not our intention that a resolution be adopted as a result of the General Assembly’s consideration of this item during the seventy-second session.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached to this letter (see annex).

We have the further honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Gillian Bird
Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations

(Signed) Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee
Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations
2. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity [item proposed by Australia and Ghana] (A/72/192).
The agenda documents for each General Assembly session have the same (recurring) document symbols, which facilitates the search for the following documents. The only variable being the session number (/xx/):

**Preliminary list of items (A/xx/50)**

The “Preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the General Assembly” includes all known items proposed for inclusion as of the beginning of the year (this document is issued not later than 15 February preceding the session).

**Annotated preliminary list of items (A/xx/100)**

This document gives the history of each item proposed for inclusion on the agenda of the next session, lists selected documentation from the previous session and projects major documents to be submitted for discussion under the individual items. The annotated preliminary list is issued in mid-June.

**Provisional agenda (A/xx/150)**

This document includes all items that have been proposed up to sixty days before the opening of the session and is issued in July.

**Supplementary list of items (A/xx/200)**

This list contains any new items that have been proposed after the issuance of the provisional agenda and up thirty days before the opening of the session (August). It is issued twenty days before the opening of the session.
Agenda documents (2)

Draft Agenda contained in Memorandum of the Secretary-General (A/BUR /xx/1)

The draft agenda is part of the S-G’s Memorandum on the Organization of the session (also referred to as the “BUR paper”, after Bureau) and submitted to the General Committee as the basis for its deliberations on the day after the formal opening of the session (September). It is issued following the last meeting of the preceding session to reflect any decisions taken at that meeting.

Report of the General Committee (A/xx/250)

This document reflects the General Committee’s recommendations on the items to be included in the agenda, on the allocation of items to the Plenary or the Main Committees and on various organizational aspects of the GA session.

Adopted Agenda (A/xx/251)

This document contains the actual and correct number of each item and is the basis for the work of the GA session. Any additional items included in the agenda will be issued as Addenda to this document (e.g. A/xx/251/Add.1).

Allocation of agenda items (A/xx/252)

This document reflects the allocation of each item on the agenda (A/xx/251) to one of the Main Committees, or for consideration directly in plenary meeting. The allocation of any additional items included during the session is reflected in Addenda to this document (e.g. A/xx/252/Add.2).
Below is an excerpt from the Journal of the United Nations under general information tab from the 78th session. The Journal can be accessed via (journal.un.org).


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**General Assembly**

**Seventy-seventh session**

The seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 5 September 2023, at 3 p.m.

The provisional agenda is contained in document A/78/150.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda is contained in document A/78/100.

A draft programme of the work of the plenary is contained in document A/77/900.
Two new items have been requested so far in A/78/150 and A/78/200 is yet to be issued:

• 143. Report on the activities of the Ethics Office (resolution 77/278).

• 174. Observer status for the International Parliamentarians’ Congress in the General Assembly (item proposed by Pakistan (A/78/141)).
General Committee

- President
- 21 Vice-President
- 6 Main Committee Chairs
A/72/250

(j) **Item 132** (The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity). The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that this item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

A/72/PV.2

**The President:** We have heard the last speaker in explanation of vote before the voting.

The General Assembly will now take a decision on the question of the inclusion in the agenda of the current session of the item entitled “The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity”.

*The General Assembly approved the recommendation by 113 votes to 21, with 17 abstentions.*

A recorded vote was taken.
61. With regard to item 169 of the draft agenda (Investigation into assassinations carried out since the establishment of the United Nations), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item not be included in the agenda of the sixty-fifth session.

52. With regard to item 29 of the draft agenda (Intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services), decided to postpone its consideration of the question of inclusion of this item to a later date.

53. In connection with item 41 of the draft agenda (Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion under heading B (Maintenance of international peace and security), on the understanding that there would be no consideration of this item by the General Assembly until further notice.

54. In connection with item 61 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee decided to recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.