



Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)



BUREAU

On 11 June during the Covid-19 pandemic, the following members of the Bureau of the First Committee for the 75th session of the General Assembly were elected via silence procedure in accordance with General Assembly decisions 74/555 of 15 May 2020 and 74/557 of 29 May 2020:

- **Chair** – H.E. Ambassador Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver (Spain)

- **Vice-Chairs**
 - Mr. Ariel Rodelas Penaranda (the Philippines)
 - Ms. Corina-Cristina Lefter (Romania)

- **Rapporteur** – Ms. María del Rosario Estrada Girón (Guatemala)

- Mr. Bassem Hassan of Egypt (to be elected on 1 October)



PROGRAMME OF WORK

- ❖ **Approved at the last session- GA decision 74/512 as contained in document A/74/377. Issued for the 75th session as Conference Room Paper (A/C.1/75/CRP.1) and to be formally approved by the First Committee at its first (organizational) meeting on 1 October 2020.**
- ❖ **Each week, the Committee meets either in the morning or the afternoon, alternating with the Fourth Committee.**
- ❖ **The work of the First Committee is divided into three distinctive stages: General Debate, Thematic Discussion and Action phase;**
- ❖ **The Committee is expected to conclude its work on 5 November, after five weeks of deliberations.**



ITEMS

(based on A/75/150)

17 items & 54 sub items

- 5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (rules 30 and 103).

G. Disarmament

- ~~93. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (resolution 1145 (XII)).~~
- 94. Reduction of military budgets (resolution 35/142 B).
- 95. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (resolution 74/26).
- 96. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (resolution 72/23).
- 97. Maintenance of international security – good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (decision 73/511).
- 98. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (resolutions 73/27, 74/28 and 74/29).
- 99. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (resolution 74/30).

- 100. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclearweapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (resolution 74/31).
- 101. Prevention of an arms race in outer space:
 - (a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space (resolution 74/32);
 - (b) No first placement of weapons in outer space (resolution 74/33);
 - (c) Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (resolution 74/34).
- 102. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (resolution 74/35).
- 103. General and complete disarmament (resolution 72/51 and decisions 74/549 and 74/552):
 - (a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (decision 74/509);

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(oo) Strengthening and developing the system of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements (resolution 74/66).

- 104. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services (resolution 73/73);
 - (b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (resolution 74/68);
 - (c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (resolution 74/71);
 - (d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (resolution 74/72);
 - (e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (resolution 74/69);
 - (f) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (resolution 74/73);
 - (g) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (resolution 73/79);
 - (h) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament (resolution 74/70).

- 105. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (resolution S-10/2):
 - (a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament (resolution 74/74);
 - (b) Report of the Disarmament Commission (decisions 74/511 and 74/546).
 - 106. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (resolution 74/75 and decision 73/546).
107. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (resolutions 35/153 and 74/76).
108. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (resolution 74/77).
109. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (resolutions 54/280 and 74/78).
110. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (resolution 74/79).

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

- 126. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
- 142. Programme planning



DOCUMENTATION

Pre-session

- General Assembly annotated agenda (A/75/100)
- Allocation of agenda items to the Committee (A/C.1/75/1)
- Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/75/INF/1) (reports of the Secretary-General and of subsidiary bodies)
- Programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/75/CRP.1)
- Timetable for Thematic Discussion (A/C.1/___/CRP.2)
- List of delegations (A/C.1/75/INF/2)
- Information relating to revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (A/C.1/75/INF/4)

In-session:

- Draft resolutions and decisions (L documents)
- List of draft resolutions and decisions for action (CRP.3)
- Programme of work for 2021 (CRP.4)
- Informal papers for daily action on drafts

Post-session

- List of proposals contained in the reports of the First Committee for consideration by the General Assembly (A/C.1/75/INF/3)

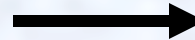


ORGANIZATION OF WORK

**General debate
(one and a half weeks)**



**Thematic Discussion
(almost 2 weeks)**



**Action on draft resolutions
(1 week)**



DECISION-MAKING

**Drafts adopted with a
recorded vote (40)**

**Of this number, 50 separate votes were
requested (votes on paragraphs).**

**Drafts adopted
without a vote (19)**

Informal papers issued for action phase. Updated daily.

**22 proposals under nuclear weapons cluster.
Least number of proposals under Other weapons of mass destruction.
CRP.3 is issued just after the deadline for submission of proposals.**



VOTING PROCEDURE

❖ During the decision-taking stage on each individual cluster, delegations first have the opportunity to introduce revised draft resolutions on any cluster that will be acted upon that given day. Then, delegations wishing to make general statements or comments, other than explanations of votes on those draft resolutions ready for action in a specific cluster (as will be listed in the daily Informal Papers), will be permitted to do so.

❖ While sponsors of draft resolutions may make general statements at the beginning of the meeting on a particular cluster, in accordance with the rules of procedure, they may not make statements in explanation of their votes, either before or after action is taken.

•Non-sponsoring delegations are provided with the opportunity to explain their positions or votes, before voting, in a consolidated statement on all the draft resolutions and decisions upon which action will be taken, in a particular cluster. The Committee will then proceed to take action, one draft resolution after another, without any interruption in between. This will be followed by explanations of positions or votes, after voting, in a consolidated fashion, on all the draft resolutions contained in the specific cluster upon which action had been taken.

•Once the Committee completes action on all draft resolutions and decisions contained in a particular cluster, and delegations have explained their positions or votes after the vote, the Chair will move to the next cluster and the process will be repeated.

•Delegations wishing to request a recorded vote on any particular draft resolution or decision should inform the Secretariat of their intention, as early as possible, before the Committee begins its action on any individual cluster.



FIRST COMMITTEE PLACE

Internal Website

ON E-DELEGATE



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