

Preparations for General Assembly high-level events and insights on work materials

Transition Workshop for the 77th Office of the President of the General Assembly

1 September 2022, UNHQ, New York



GENERAL ASSEMBLY mandates and initiatives of the President

- ▶ GA Programme of work - A/76/903
- ▶ Agenda – A/77/250, A/77/251,
- ▶ High-level meetings,
- ▶ Formal and informal plenary meetings/events /briefings/stakeholder hearings,
- ▶ Annual reports to the Assembly,
- ▶ Negotiation processes,
- ▶ PGA initiatives

21 September 2022	High-level meeting to mark the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/RES/76/168)
26 September 2022 of Nuclear Weapons	High-level plenary to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (A/RES/69/58)
25 October 2022	One-day preparatory meeting for the UN Water Conference (A/RES/75/212)
Early December 2022	High-level event for the launch of International Decade of Indigenous Languages (A/RES/75/168)
Early 2023	Informal briefing on the Group of 20 (A/RES/71/327)
22-24 March 2023	UN Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 (A/RES/75/212, A/RES/76/216)
By April 2023	Informal interactive hearing with indigenous peoples (A/RES/71/321 and decision 76/560)
May 2023	Informal interactive dialogue with the candidates for the position of the PGA (A/RES/71/323)
18-19 May 2023	High-level meeting on the midterm review of the Sendai Framework (A/RES/76/204)
May/June	Pledging Conference for Development Activities (A/RES/45/125 and decision 75/511B)
By end of June 2023	Interactive multi-stakeholder hearing on universal health coverage (A/RES/75/315)
September 2023	High-Level Forum on a Culture of Peace
During 77 th session	One-day high-level interactive dialogue on Culture and Sustainable Development (A/RES/76/214)
During 77 th session	Meeting on the gaps and challenges of middle-income countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (A/RES/76/215)

Commemorative meetings – special format

- ▶ Plenary commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of the Convention on the Law of the Sea (A/RES/76/72) - 8-9 December 2022;
- ▶ Commemorative meeting for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Mandated by annual resolutions of the General Assembly. 21 March 2023;
- ▶ Commemorative meeting to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/70/7), 25 March 2023;
- ▶ High-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests (A/RES/72/51) - 29 August 2023

Meetings mandated for the seventy-eighth and later sessions of the General Assembly

September 2023	Summit for the Future (TBC)
September 2023	Two-day high-level political forum on sustainable development (A/RES/67/290) – every four years
September 2023	High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, (A/RES/69/313) – every four years
21 September 2023	High-level Meeting on universal health coverage (A/RES/74/2 and A/RES/75/315)
26 September 2023	High-level plenary to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (A/RES/69/58)

PGA correspondence to Member States

- ▶ PGA correspondence to Member States – procedural implications, importance of GA language (~~please find attached~~, HLM titles);
- ▶ Concept notes, invitations, programmes, scenarios;
- ▶ Newsletters/synopsis/quarterly reports/ summaries of the events and PGA notes to increase transparency
- ▶ E-statements, verbatim records
- ▶ **PGA** Handover report

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

- ▶ UNGA76– 300 General Assembly plenary resolutions as of August 2022; 224 adopted without a vote;
 - ▶ In total - 19482 , without a vote - 12 583, Vote - 6898;
- ▶ PGA texts on behalf of membership - the role of co-facilitators, co-chairs, OPGA-led processes, preparation of L. docs, scenarios of GA action;
- ▶ Member States proposals and initiatives.

Planning and preparations of the processes and events

- ▶ Engaging proponents
- ▶ The role of legal team
- ▶ Coordination with Secretariat departments: DGACM, EOSG, DESA, DGC, Civil Society Unit, Special Events Unit, MALU, BCSS, Security.
- ▶ Agencies, partners, stakeholders
- ▶ Communications team

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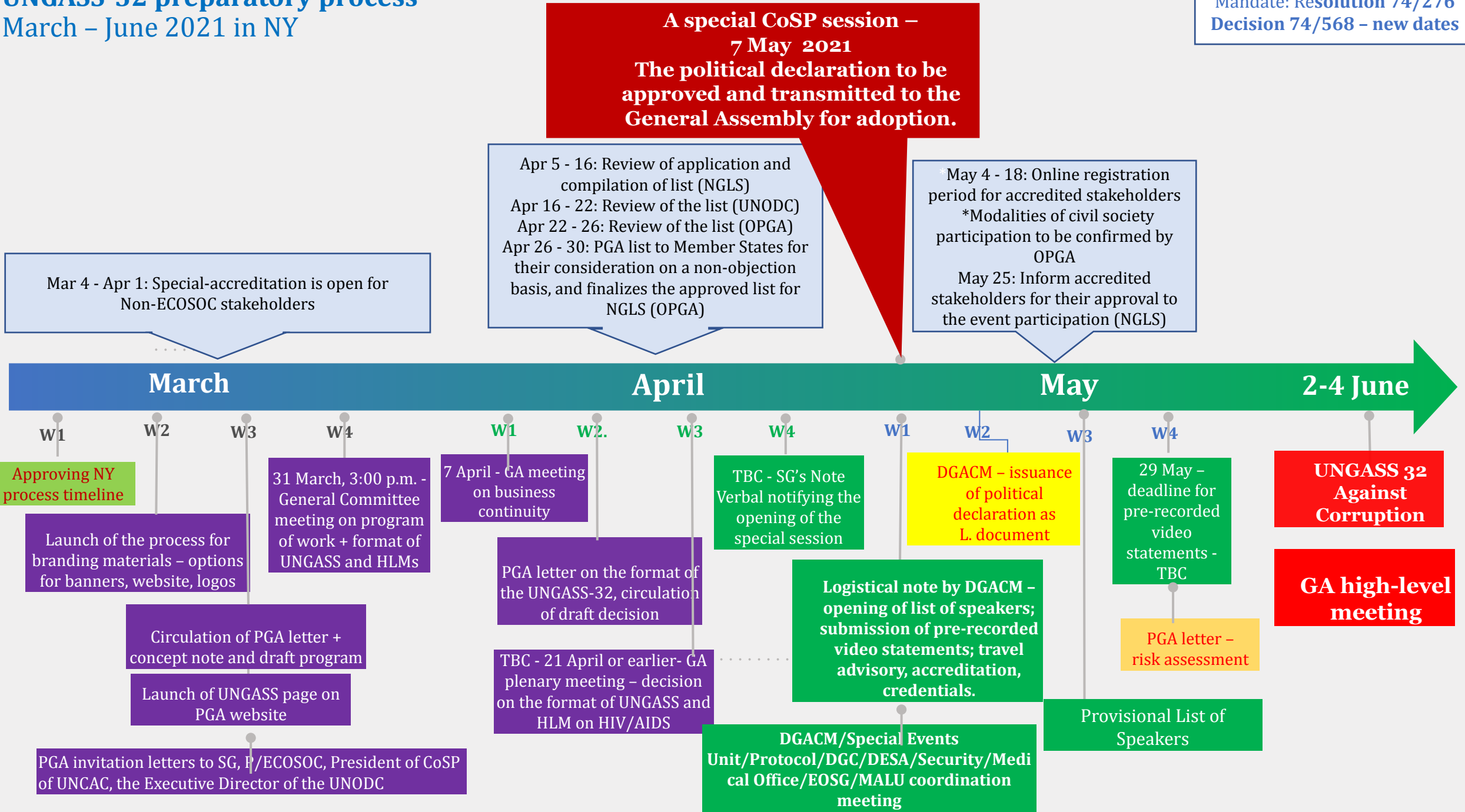
PGA statement/opening and closing remarks, as needed;

- ❖ **Procedural notes and possible contingencies** for Presiding Officer;
- ❖ **Request Vice-President for GA meetings**, if needed (note: CdC usually covers PGA for informal side events, if needed);
- ❖ **Prepare Scenario** of the event, including seating arrangement at the podium and the order of speeches of the segment PGA participates;
- ❖ Confirm the details of the **Secretary-General's participation** in the plenary meetings and PGA events;
- ❖ If PGA is invited to participate in the event, confirm the **meeting details**, including date/time/speaking order/seating/virtual link/organizers and participants;
- ❖ Prepare **PGA letters to Member States and Observers** announcing the meeting, circulating the concept note, program and other information, as needed. Letters with procedural implications -in cooperation with Legal/GA Affairs Team;
- ❖ In case of formal plenary meetings, work with Legal/GA Affairs Team to ensure **submission and processing of PGA draft resolutions/decisions**;

- ❖ Suggest the **panelists/moderators/keynote speakers**, with due regard to gender and geographic balance; prepare **invitation letters**, as well as **thank-you letters** following the meeting;
- ❖ Confirm the statements from the **chairs of regional groups and the host country, through DGACM, for commemorative meetings**;
- ❖ Request **Secretariat services**, as needed: webcast, teleprompter, virtual platform, journal announcement, extension of the stage; CART services, e-statements, etc;
- ❖ Request **clearance for provisional budget and cost-related services**, including interpretation services for PGA events;
- ❖ Together with the Communications Team ensure branding materials, banners, roll-ups, as needed, following the proper **procurement and clearance procedures**;
- ❖ Provide **updates to PGA spokesperson**;
- ❖ Work with the Communications Team to set-up the **webpage for the high-level and PGA events**;
- ❖ Request the **passes from UN Protocol/Security for PGA special guests** attending the meeting, if needed.

UNGASS-32 preparatory process
March – June 2021 in NY

Mandate: Resolution 74/276
Decision 74/568 – new dates





CSO participation in the work of the UN General Assembly

- **OPGA MANDATES, LIST OF RELEVANT UPCOMING EVENTS**
- **PROCESS TIMELINE**
- ABOUT SECRETARIAT PARTNERS: NGLS, DESA/DGC.
- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Regular timeline for special accreditation process for non-ECOSOC entities.

At least 16 weeks before the event:

OPGA requests NGLS to initiate special accreditation process.

NGLS will be drafting an application website through INDICO platform.

It would usually take two weeks to draft, reflect feedbacks and finalizes the **application portal.*

15 weeks before the event:

Online application for special accreditation opens.

**Application period is normally around one month.*

12 weeks before the event:

NGLS reviews the submitted applications.

**Two weeks is necessary to review all application documents, communicate with applicants, cross-check ECOSOC accreditation status with DESA and compiles the final list.*

10 weeks before the event:

OPGA submits the list to MSs for their consideration on a non-objection basis, finalizes and shares the approved list with NGLS (Depending on the GA resolution mandating the event, GA decision on the finalist list may additionally be required)

8 weeks before the event:

NGLS informs the applicants on their accreditation results.

NGLS opens the individual registration portal through INDICO for specially accredited entities, checks and approves the registrants.

**For an in-person / hybrid event, the registration opens around eight weeks before the event at the latest so as to allow enough time for international participants for their travel arrangements.*

Civil Society participation in upcoming UNGA77 events, conferences and meetings:

- United Nations Conference on the **Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”**, 2018–2028 (A/RES/75/212) from 22 to 24 March 2023, UNHQ, New York and its **preparatory meeting** to be held on 25 October 2022.
- The first round of special accreditation was conducted during the 76th session and the list of **440 accredited NGOs** to participate in the Conference and its Preparatory meeting was circulated by PGA letter on 21 August 2022. According to 75/212 mandate, the second round of special accreditation should take place **prior to the Conference and no later than January 2023:**
 - The PGA shall also draw up lists of representatives of other relevant **non-governmental organizations, including civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations** whose work is relevant to the Conference, who **may participate in the Conference and the preparatory meeting as observers**, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, **and shall submit the proposed lists to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis.**

*Footnote: **The lists** will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, **if requested** by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, **will be made known** to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.*

75/315. Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage

OP 9 - Invites NGOs with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council **to register** with the Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting and **participate in the multi-stakeholder panels and the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing;**

OP10 - Requests the PGA to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant **non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector** who may **participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions**, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the **proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;**

*Footnote: The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, **if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known** to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.*

OPGA focal points (legal and substantive) arrange an introductory/coordination calls with DGC & DESA to discuss the mandate, agree on timeline and specific deadlines, as well as the text of the announcement to be drafted by DGC based on the resolution mandate, which could be replicated by DESA;

After the deadline, PGA letter on the results of the silence procedure is circulated asap.

If objections are received, PGA circulates a revised list and announces the submission of the draft decision and its L.doc number, plus the date for the plenary meeting to let the GA take a final decision.

Tentative timeline for stakeholder participation in High-level meeting on universal health coverage in 2023

June

July

August

**September
2023**

DGC launches the webpage, DESA reaches out to ECOSOC NGOs. Requests for accreditation/Registration process could be sent during at least 10 days period.

After the deadline, DGC sends the list to OPGA.
[Always re- confirm that there are no ECOSOC-status NGOs in the list].

PGA letter is circulated, citing GA resolution mandate and launching silence procedure, until a specific date/time. Contact info of the focal points also needs to be included.

GA formal plenary meeting to take action on the PGA draft decision propose dto approve the list and amendments, if any.

Based on the GA decision, NGLS approves accreditation.

**21 September
2023, High-level
meeting on UHC**

Special accreditation by GA decision:

PGA letter – proposed list

<https://www.un.org/pga/75/2021/05/06/high-level-meeting-on-hiv-aids/>

PGA letter - revised list and information about L.doc and plenary meeting:

<https://www.un.org/pga/75/2021/05/17/high-level-meeting-on-hiv-aids-3/>

GA decision – [A/75/L.86](#).

Special accreditation by PGA approval:

PGA letter circulating the list:

<https://www.un.org/pga/75/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2021/05/PGA-letter-L-DC-VList-of-applicants-from-NGOs-CSOs-Academic-Institutions-Private-Sector.pdf>

PGA letter announcing approval of the list:

<https://www.un.org/pga/75/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2021/05/PGA-letter-Special-Accreditation-for-UNGASS-on-Corruption.pdf>



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Drafting Talking Points, Reports, Readouts, and Summaries

- ▶ Use the samples and follow the deadlines;
- ▶ Triple check the details. After submission, updates only if absolutely necessary,
- ▶ Reference materials: UN Blue book; Member States on the record - <https://www.un.org/en/library/unms?>; co-sponsorships, voting patterns.
- ▶ Role of counterparts, focal points, organizers;
- ▶ Working with partners and substantive offices for summaries and outcomes of the meetings;
- ▶ Formal readouts for PGA bilateral meetings.



UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

Eleventh
emergency
special session

Seventy-fifth
session

Seventy-fourth
session

**Seventy-sixth
session**

Thirty-second
special session

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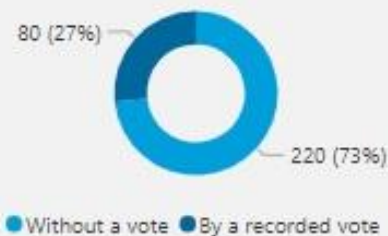
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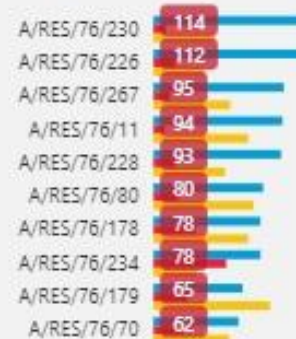


UNBIS Thesaurus subjects



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In favour Against Abstaining



Voting by Member State

In favour Against Abstaining

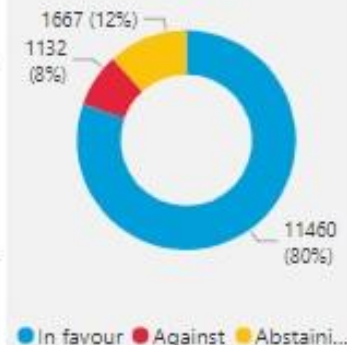


Voting by committee

In favour Against Abstaining



Vote distribution



Goals and targets







Thank you!