



# General Assembly

2 October 2019

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## Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2019

| <i>Programme/meeting</i>  | <i>Dates</i>                                     | <i>Number of meetings</i> |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Meeting for the organization of work  | Thursday, 3 October                              | 1                         |
| General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items <sup>a,b</sup>  | Monday, 7 October, to<br>Wednesday, 16 October   | 8                         |
| Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports | Wednesday, 16 October                            |                           |
| Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items   | Tuesday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.                    |                           |
| Thematic discussion <sup>c</sup> on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:          | Thursday, 17 October, to<br>Thursday, 31 October | 12                        |
| (a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and briefings by other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament                        |  |                           |
| (b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts  |  |                           |
| Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability   | Wednesday, 30 October                            | 1                         |
| Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items   | Thursday, 17 October, at 12 noon                 |                           |
| Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion   | Tuesday, 22 October, at 6 p.m.                   |                           |
| Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items  | Friday, 1 November to Friday, 8 November         | 6                         |

<sup>a</sup> A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of 8 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 13 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency.

<sup>b</sup> Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

<sup>c</sup> During thematic discussions, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 5 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 7 minutes.

| <i>Week</i>            | <i>Monday</i>                           | <i>Tuesday</i>                         | <i>Wednesday</i>                                    | <i>Thursday</i>                         | <i>Friday</i>                      |
|------------------------|---|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 30 September-4 October |   |  |   | 3 October<br>afternoon                  |                                    |
| 7-11 October           | 7 October<br>morning                    | 8 October<br>morning                   | 9 October <sup>1</sup>                              | 10 October<br>morning                   | 11 October<br>morning              |
| 14-18 October          | 14 October<br>morning and<br>afternoon  | 15 October<br>afternoon                | 16 October<br>morning* and<br>afternoon             | 17 October<br>afternoon                 | 18 October<br>afternoon            |
| 21-25 October          | 21 October<br>morning                   | 22 October<br>morning and<br>afternoon | 23 October<br>morning                               | 24 October<br>morning and<br>afternoon* | 25 October<br>morning              |
| 28 October-1 November  | 28 October <sup>2</sup>                 | 29 October<br>morning and<br>afternoon | 30 October<br>morning <sup>3</sup> and<br>afternoon | 31 October<br>afternoon                 | 1 November<br>afternoon            |
| 4-8 November           | 4 November<br>morning and<br>afternoon* | 5 November<br>morning                  | 6 November<br>afternoon                             | 7 November<br>afternoon                 | 8 November<br>morning <sup>4</sup> |

*Note:* The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.

<sup>1</sup> Yom Kippur floating holiday (see resolutions [69/250](#) and [70/9](#)).

<sup>2</sup> Diwali floating holiday (see resolutions [69/250](#) and [70/9](#)).

<sup>3</sup> Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees.

<sup>4</sup> If necessary.

\* If meeting is needed and/or services are available