## SIXTH COMMITTEE

## Seventy-fifth session (5 Oct-20 Nov 2020) OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME – recommendation by the Bureau 28 October 2020

## Key aspects of the working arrangements:1

- All meetings to be held <u>subject to the general guidance of the medical service</u> of the Organization, with full respect for social distancing and related requirements.
- Plenary meetings to be held in-person (during the yellow or orange time slots).
- Statements in plenary to be subject to <u>agreed time limits</u> with delegations to be encouraged to present only abridged versions of their statements (and to transmit their full statements to the Secretariat for posting online).<sup>2</sup>
- Working Group meetings to be held virtually with remote simultaneous interpretation (in white slots with limit of two hours per session), and working Group (oral) reports to be presented at (in-person) plenary meetings.
- Coordinators of draft resolutions to <u>introduce zero drafts in the plenary meeting</u> immediately following the conclusion of the debate on the respective agenda item.
- <u>Informal consultations</u> to be organized by Coordinators, with the assistance of the Secretariat, over <u>virtual platforms with no interpretation</u> (during empty slots in white)
- Draft resolutions to be introduced and adopted at in-person meetings.
- The following meetings to be held in the slots allocated to the General Assembly plenary, on dates scheduled in 2019: Residual Mechanism debate in GA, ICJ debate in GA, ICC debate in GA.
- Proposed working arrangements, including the proposed time limits on speeches, are
   exceptional in nature, owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and do not constitute a
   precedent for working arrangements for the Sixth Committee at future sessions of the
   General Assembly.

## Key:

Conf. Rooms 1+2+3 available (3 hours per session); Chair to be seated in conf. rm 2
GA Hall available (3 hours per session)
Virtual (2 hours per session with interpretation; unlimited without interpretation)
Additional in-person meetings to compensate for lost meetings

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  A more detailed description of the working arrangements was presented in the anual Note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work, to be issued as document A/C.6/75/L.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Delegations should be aware that only the delivered component of a statement appears in the summary records of the Committee. However, complete delivered statements have been made available online through the estatements tab in the United Nations Journal and on the website of the Sixth Committee.

5/10	6/10	7/10	8/10	9/10
	- Organization of work - Intl. Terrorism			[Advisory Cttee on PoA - Conf rm 2 (in person)]
		Intl. Terrorism	Intl. Terrorism	[Host Country Cttee - T/Council Chamber (in person)]
12/10	13/10	14/10	15/10	16/10
		Criminal Accountability		WG: International Terrorism*
- Intl. Terrorism - Criminal Accountability		WG Criminal accountability (briefing)*	- Crimes against humanity - Admin of Justice	
19/10	20/10	21/10	22/10	23/10
- Strengthening Treaty Framework - Rule of law	20,20	WG: Criminal Accountability*	- Rule of law - Report of the Host Country Committee	20, 20
[Admin of Justice Informal consultations – presentations]	Rule of law	[Residual mechanism Report in the GA (in person) – no 6th Committee meetings]		- Report of the Charter Committee - Protection of persons in the event of disasters
26/10	27/10	28/10	29/10	30/10
[International Law Day] <sup>3</sup>	[Cancelled]	[Interaction with ILC Special Rapporteurs] <sup>4</sup>		[Cancelled]
		[Cancelled]		WG: Universal Juris.*

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<sup>\*</sup> Virtual meeting with remote simultaneous interpretation (limited to two hours).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Virtual informal session (with remote simultaneous interpretation, 2 hours): Online presentations by Sixth Committee Chair; President of the General Assembly, ILC Chair-elect; President of the ICJ, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and two invited practitioners.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Virtual informal session (with remote simultaneous interpretation, 2 hours) with Special Rapporteurs and co-Chairs of the Study Group on Sea-level Rise in International Law.

2/11	3/11	4/11	5/11	6/11
[ICC Report in GA (in person) – no 6th Committee meetings]	WG: International Terrorism*		- Report of the ILC (oral reports)	WG: International Terrorism*
	Universal Juris.	- Universal Juris. - Status of Additional Protocols	WG: Universal Juris.*	- Programme of Assistance - Requests for observer status (only new items)
9/11	10/11	11/11	12/11	13/11
	<ul><li>Report of UNCITRAL</li><li>Charter Committee (resumed)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Report of WGs</li><li>Responsibility of intl. Organizations</li></ul>		- Protection of persons in the event of disasters
	- Protection of diplomats - Expulsion of aliens		[Final day for submission of draft resolutions (5pm) for budget review & processing]	
16/11	17/11	18/11	19/11	20/11
				- Revitalization of GA - Programme planning - Election of officers - [Adoption of remaining draft resolutions]
			- Requests for observer status (ongoing items) - Revitalization of GA	