

Sixth Committee
Resumption of the seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth sessions
Provisional Programme of Work

10 to 14 April 2023

Monday, 10 April	Tuesday, 11 April	Wednesday, 12 April	Thursday, 13 April	Friday, 14 April
10am-1pm - Opening of the resumed session - Adoption of the programme of work - Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 1</i>	10am-1pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 2 (continued)</i> <i>Cluster 3</i>	10am-1pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 4 (continued)</i> <i>Cluster 5</i>	10am-1pm Crimes against humanity <i>ILC Recommendation</i> <i>(Information briefing)</i>	10am-1pm -
3pm-6pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 1 (continued)</i> <i>Cluster 2</i>	3pm-6pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 3 (continued)</i> <i>Cluster 4</i>	3pm-6pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 5 (continued)</i>	3pm-6pm <i>[Reserved]</i>	3pm-6pm - Crimes against humanity <i>Oral reports of co-facilitators</i> - Closing of the resumed session

1 to 5 and 11 April 2024

Monday, 1 April	Tuesday, 2 April	Wednesday, 3 April	Thursday, 4 April	Friday, 5 April
10am-1pm - Opening of the resumed session - Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 1</i>	10am-1pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 2 (continued)</i> <i>Cluster 3</i>	10am-1pm Crimes against humanity <i>Cluster 4 (continued)</i> <i>Cluster 5</i>	10am-1pm Crimes against humanity <i>ILC Recommendation</i>	10am-1pm <i>[Reserved]</i>
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Thematic cluster distribution:

- Cluster 1: Introductory provisions (preamble and Article 1)
- Cluster 2: Definition and general obligations (Articles 2, 3 and 4)
- Cluster 3: National measures (Articles 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10)
- Cluster 4: International measures (Articles 13, 14 and 15 (and annex))
- Cluster 5: Safeguards (Articles 5, 11 and 12)

Thursday, 11 April
10am-1pm - Crimes against humanity <i>Adoption of the written summary of work</i> - Closing of the resumed session
3pm-6pm <i>[Reserved]</i>

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Working Arrangements

Programme of work

- The Sixth Committee will hold an exchange of substantive views, over two rounds, on all aspects of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity as well as the recommendation of the International Law Commission.
- The first round, to be held at the first resumed session in April 2023, will provide an opportunity for an initial exchange of views.
- Such initial exchange of views will further serve as the basis for any comments to be submitted in writing by 1 December 2023 for inclusion in the report of the Secretary-General envisaged in operative paragraph 6 of resolution 77/249.
- The second round of discussion will be held at the second resumed session in April 2024 at which time delegations will have before them the comments received in writing, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General.
- In accordance with resolution 77/249, the Sixth Committee will adopt a written summary of its deliberations during the two resumed sessions (see below).
- The arrangements for the two resumed sessions would not serve as a precedent for future sessions of the Sixth Committee.

Meetings format

- The Sixth Committee will meet in plenary at each session unless the Committee decides otherwise.
- The meetings of the plenary will be organized strictly according to the adopted programme of work, on the basis of a series of thematic clusters, corresponding to groups of articles, so as to allow delegations the possibility to plan their participation.
- The meetings of the plenary will be conducted in an interactive format, as described below.
- Any time remaining after the adjournment of each plenary meeting may be utilized for the holding of informal meetings of the Committee.
- As per established practice, plenary meetings of the Sixth Committee will be open to the public and webcast, while informal meetings will be closed.

Conduct of the meetings including in an “interactive” format

- No general debate will be held.
- A list of speakers for each cluster will be opened in advance of each resumed session, and delegations will be permitted to inscribe to speak on each cluster more than once.
- At each meeting, the Chair will proceed through the list of speakers as per the usual practice.
- However, inspired by the “mini-debate” practice of the International Law Commission, delegations will be permitted to request the floor (by pressing their buttons) in order to request to speak in connection with a statement made during the regular debate.

- Delegations doing so may seek further clarification from the delegation which made the main statement or express a view in relation to that statement.
- Multiple delegations may request the floor to speak, without restriction on the number of interventions by each delegation.
- Delegations may also comment on the views expressed by other delegations speaking during the interactive segment.
- The delegation whose statement was the subject the interactive debate may respond to any and all interventions, without restriction on the number of such responses.
- The co-facilitators (see below) may also request the floor to intervene during the interactive segment.
- Interventions during the interactive segment will be limited to a maximum of three minutes each and the Chair may decide to close the list of speakers wishing to intervene during the interactive segment, in the interests of time.
- Once the list of those delegations wishing to speak during the interactive segment is exhausted the next delegation on the regular list of speakers will be given the floor to deliver its statement.
- Once the regular list of speakers is exhausted the Chair will adjourn the meeting, and will, following consultation with the co-facilitators, announce whether an informal meeting of the Committee will be held immediately following the adjournment.
- The programme of work envisages a continuation of the consideration of the same thematic cluster at the next meeting, so as to allow any remaining delegations the opportunity to make statements.
- The Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly will continue to apply (as regards, e.g., the exercise of the right of reply).

Appointment of co-facilitators

- The Bureau will appoint three co-facilitators to help coordinate and facilitate the discussions at the resumptions of the seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth sessions to be held in April 2023 and 2024, respectively, as well as the substantive dialogue during the inter-sessional period (in accordance with operative paragraph 8 of resolution 77/249).
- The co-facilitators, whether separately or jointly, will:
 - chair the informal meetings of the Committee;
 - be permitted to intervene during the mini-debate to request clarification or pose guiding questions;
 - present an oral report (or reports) at the end of the substantive component of each resumed session detailing the discussion held.

Summary of work

- In accordance with resolution 77/249, the Sixth Committee will adopt a written summary of its deliberations during the two resumed sessions at the second resumed session in 2024.
- The summary will include an introduction providing technical information about the two sessions as well as an annex containing a Chair's Summary, which will be put for adoption as a whole, at the final meeting of the second resumed session.
- The Chair's Summary will take into account the oral reports of the co-facilitators.