

26 September 2008

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Sixty-third session**First Committee**

2 October-4 November 2008

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2008

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 2 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ¹	Monday, 6 October, to Tuesday, 14 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 7 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 15 October, to Monday, 27 October	10
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports		
(b) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials		
(c) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts ²		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Thursday, 16 October, at 12 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 28 October, to Tuesday, 4 November	6

¹ A rolling list of speakers would be opened one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

² Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
29 September-3 October	29 September	30 September Holiday	1 October	2 October Afternoon	3 October
6-10 October	6 October Morning	7 October Morning	8 October Morning	9 October Morning	10 October Morning
13-17 October	13 October Afternoon	14 October Afternoon	15 October Afternoon	16 October Afternoon	17 October Afternoon
20-24 October	20 October Morning	21 October Morning and afternoon	22 October Morning	23 October Morning	24 October Afternoon
27-31 October	27 October Afternoon	28 October Afternoon	29 October Afternoon	30 October Afternoon	31 October Morning
3-7 November	3 November Morning	4 November Morning	5 November	6 November	7 November

The Committee will exercise flexibility in scheduling meetings during the last two weeks of the session, without prejudice to decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.