



General Assembly

1 September 2023

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Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2023

<i>Programme/meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Number of meetings</i>
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 28 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items ^a	Monday, 2 October, to Wednesday, 11 October	8
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 3 October, at 6 p.m.	
Debate on the working methods of the First Committee and programme planning ^b	Thursday, 12 October	1
Thematic discussion ^b on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:	Friday, 13 October, to Thursday, 26 October	13
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, including on the follow-up to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/ presentations of reports		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 12 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Wednesday, 11 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Friday, 27 October to Friday, 3 November	6

^a 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 eight minutes. Statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 12 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. Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

^b During thematic discussions, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of five minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed seven minutes.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
25–29 September				28 September afternoon	
2–6 October	2 October morning	3 October morning	4 October morning	5 October morning	6 October morning
9–13 October	9 October afternoon	10 October afternoon	11 October afternoon	12 October afternoon	13 October afternoon
16–20 October	16 October morning and afternoon	17 October morning	18 October morning	19 October morning	20 October morning
23–27 October	23 October morning and afternoon	24 October afternoon	25 October morning and afternoon	26 October afternoon	27 October afternoon
30 October–3 November	30 October morning	31 October morning	1 November morning	2 November morning	3 November ^a morning

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-eighth session.

^a If necessary.