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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE AGENDA OF THE XVth  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Attached hereto is a note prepared by the Political Division on the basis of the discussions of the Committee of Political Advisers of 12th September. It indicates the proposed allocation of items between the Council, the Committee of Political Advisers and an ad hoc Committee of the Council.

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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE  
XVith GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

At their meeting of the 12th September, the Political Committee examined the Agenda of the XVith General Assembly of the United Nations with a view to deciding what questions could usefully be discussed in NATO.

The Canadian and Netherlands Delegations had already informed the Committee of the questions they would like to have examined. The Secretariat had also prepared a working document (AC/119-WP(61)48/1) which was used as a basis for discussion by the Committee.

In the course of their exchange of views the Political Committee concluded that the following questions(1) should be examined by the Council direct.

Point 19: Disarmament

The resolution voted on the 21st April calls for the reference to the next Assembly of all the draft resolutions submitted to the previous Assembly and not yet voted on. (Cf. PO/61/123 and RDC/60/410)

Point 72: Urgent need for a treaty banning nuclear tests, under effective international control

(Question proposed by the United States and United Kingdom)

The United States and the United Kingdom have tabled the draft treaty presented by them to the Geneva Conference together with an explanatory memorandum.

Point 73: Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests

(Question tabled by India)

Supplementary List

Point 5

Prevention of further dissemination of nuclear weapons

(Question tabled by Ireland)

Ireland has put forward a new draft resolution.

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(1) Short explanatory notes, most of which are already contained in AC/119(WP)61/48/1 have been added to the titles of certain questions.

In the view of the Delegations most closely concerned the following questions should be discussed either in the Council or in an ad hoc Committee. (The Portuguese Delegation stated their preference for a preliminary discussion in the Council.)

Point 27: Situation in Angola

Report of the Sub-Committee set up by the last General Assembly (resolution 1603 of the 20th April, 1961).

Point 39: Information on non self-governing territories

(See below Point 3 of the supplementary list.)

Point 44: Educational and Training Facilities offered by member states to the inhabitants of non self-governing territories

(Report by the Secretary General)

This question has in fact been put forward by the Communist bloc as a protest against the alleged boycott by the administering powers of the educational and technical training facilities offered by bloc countries to the inhabitants of these territories.

Point 49: Question of Ruanda Urundi

Point 51: Education and Training Facilities offered by member states to inhabitants of trusteeship territories

(Report by the Secretary General)

This question is closely analogous to that set out under point 44.

Supplementary List

Point 3

Non-observation by Portugal of Chapter 11 of the Charter and resolution 1542 of the General Assembly

(Question tabled by India)

Resolution 1542 calls on Spain and Portugal to provide information on territories under their administration.

Point 6: Angola Refugees in the Congo

(Question tabled by the Congolese Republic (Leopoldville)).

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The list of questions remaining on the Agenda of the Political Committee includes the following points:

Point 3: Powers of Representatives at the 16th Session of the Assembly

- (a) Constitution of the Commission for the verification of powers.
- (b) Report of the Commission for verification of powers.

This point covers the question of Chinese representation and also that of the validity of the powers of the Hungarian Delegation.

Point 15: Election of non permanent members of the Security Council

The question at issue is the replacement of Ceylon, Ecuador and Turkey.

In accordance with the unofficial agreement reached last year Liberia will stand down in favour of Ireland.

Point 16: Election of Six members of the Economic and Social Council

The question is one of the replacement of Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Spain, the United States, New Zealand and Venezuela.

In accordance with the unofficial agreement reached last year before the election of Italy, the West has agreed to vote for two candidates from the Afro-Asian group.

Point 18: Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference on the revision of the Charter

In accordance with resolution 1381 of the 20th November, 1959, the Committee should submit its recommendations by the next session at latest. It was due to meet on the 14th September.

Point 20: Korea

Point 21: Report of the Committee on the peaceful utilisation of outer space

The terms of reference of the Committee elected in 1959 for two years are about to expire. In the absence of any agreement between East and West on rules of procedure and voting and the composition of the bureau, the Committee has never met. The Assembly will presumably be called upon to set up a new Committee. This will bring up afresh the problems of composition and voting procedure.

Point 22: Africa

United Nations Programme for independence and development

(Item included on last year's agenda at the request of the United States.)

The Assembly has before it the draft Afro-Asian resolution tabled at the last session. This draft refers to the resolution on "decolonisation" previously passed and demands that a fixed term should be set for the independence of African territories still under the administration of other powers. It further proposes to give the Economic Commission for Africa a predominant role in the distribution of multi-lateral and bilateral aid.

Point 54: Draft Budget for 1962

This item and the next will presumably give rise to a discussion on the general financial problems of the United Nations.

(The item also covers the question, which the Canadian Delegation suggested should be discussed, of an international conference on the application of science for the benefit of underdeveloped areas.)

Point 55: United Nations Operations in the Congo

Forecast of expenditure and finance.

Point 61: Review of the Activities and Organization of the Secretariat

Report of the Committee of Experts and the Secretary General's Recommendations.

Proposals for the reform of the organization will be discussed on this and the next item.

Point 64: Personnel Questions

Among these questions there is in particular that of the geographical distribution of personnel.

Point 74: Status of the German-speaking element in the province of Bolzano

Supplementary List

Point 2:

Threat to the independence of Cuba

(proposed by Cuba)

Point 7: Tibet

Religious persecution and violation of human rights.  
(Item proposed by Thailand and Malaya.)

15th September, 1961