

SESSION I – PART 1

Overview of Principal UN Organs and Elections Conducted by the General Assembly for Members of the Other Principal Organs, Its Subsidiary Organs and Other Bodies

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What (elections)

Why (mandates)

Who (voters/ candidates)

When (programme of work)

Where (GA Hall)

How (rules of procedure)

1. What (elections)

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Agenda of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly*

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1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.¹
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.¹
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.¹
7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
8. General debate.

CHAPTER VI
THE ELECTIONS

118. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
 - (a) Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council;
 - (b) Election of members of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (c) Election of members of the International Court of Justice.
119. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
 - (a) Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;
 - (b) Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;
 - (c) Election of members of the Human Rights Council;
 - (d) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Why (mandates)

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**Annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the
provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth regular session of the
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**Annotated draft agenda of the seventy-fifth session of the
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(b) Election of members of the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with Article 61 of the Charter, as amended,² the Economic and Social Council consists of 54 members elected for a term of three years. Under rule 145 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly shall elect each year 18 members of the Economic and Social Council. At its twenty-sixth session, in 1971, the Assembly decided that the members of the Council should be elected according to the following pattern (resolution 2847 (XXVI)):

- (a) Fourteen members from African States;
- (b) Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (d) Thirteen members from Western European and other States;
- (e) Six members from Eastern European States.

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its first session (decisions adopted at its first to thirtieth sessions and decisions 31/307, 32/311, 33/311, 34/307, 35/306, 36/307, 37/307, 38/307, 39/306, 40/307, 41/307, 42/306, 43/310, 44/308, 45/308, 46/310, 47/309, 48/305, 49/308, 50/307, 51/307, 52/307, 53/310, 54/309, 55/306 A and B, 56/310, 57/403, 58/406, 59/403, 60/404, 61/404, 62/404, 63/404, 64/403, 65/403, 66/403, 67/403, 68/405, 69/405, 70/404 A and B, 71/412 A and B, 72/421, 73/422 and 74/419).

At its sixty-eighth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided to conduct the elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session (resolution 68/307).

At its seventy-fourth session, the Assembly elected Argentina, Austria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bulgaria, France, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal, Solomon Islands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe as members of the Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021, to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Belarus, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Japan, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, the Philippines, Spain, the Sudan, Togo and Uruguay (decision 74/419).

As of 1 January 2021, the Council will be composed of the following 54 Member States: Angola,* Argentina,*** Armenia,* Australia,** Austria,*** Bangladesh,** Benin,** Bolivia (Plurinational State of),*** Botswana,** Brazil,* Bulgaria,*** Canada,* China,** Colombia,** Congo,** Egypt,* Ethiopia,* Finland,** France,*** Gabon,** Germany,*** Guatemala,*** Indonesia,*** Iran (Islamic Republic of),* Jamaica,* Japan,*** Kenya,* Latvia,** Liberia,*** Libya,*** Luxembourg,* Madagascar,*** Mali,* Mexico,*** Montenegro,** Netherlands,* Nicaragua,** Nigeria,*** Norway,** Pakistan,* Panama,** Paraguay,* Portugal,*** Republic of Korea,** Russian Federation,** Saudi Arabia,* Solomon Islands,*** Switzerland,** Thailand,** Turkmenistan,* Ukraine,* United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,*** United States of America* and Zimbabwe.***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2021.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2022.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2023.

At its seventy-fifth session, the Assembly will need to fill the seats being vacated by the following States: Angola, Armenia, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kenya, Luxembourg, Mali, Netherlands, Pakistan, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and United States of America.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election is held by secret ballot. Under rule 83 of the rules of procedure, the members of the Economic and Social Council are elected by a two-thirds majority.

References for the seventy-fourth session (agenda item 113 (b))

Decision

74/419

Who (voters/ candidates)

- Voters: members of the GA (Article 19)
- Candidates: national capacity vs personal capacity

When (programme of work)

Where (GA Hall)

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75th Session

LAST UPDATE: 6 April 2021

The agenda of the 75th session is contained in [A/75/251](#) and the allocation of items for the session is contained in [A/75/252](#). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the 75th session has been issued as document [A/75/100](#). The annotated draft agenda of the 75th session has been issued as document [A/75/100/Add.1](#).

The programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-fifth session is provided below.

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75th session	
Date	Topic
Friday, 9 April 2021 10:00 a.m. - virtual	Intergovernmental consultation on the modalities, format and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (<i>to be held remotely without physical presence</i>) <i>With civil society organizations</i>

How (rules of procedure)

2 seats; 180 voted
121 required

Rule 94

When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot the majority required shall be elected. If the number of candidates obtaining

such majority is less than the number of persons or Members to be elected, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled; provided that, after the third inconclusive ballot, votes may be cast for any eligible person or Member. If three such unrestricted ballots are inconclusive, the next three ballots shall be restricted to the candidates who obtained the greatest number of votes in the third of the unrestricted ballots, to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled, and the following three ballots thereafter shall be unrestricted, and so on until all the places have been filled. These provisions shall not prejudice the application of rules 143, 144, 146 and 148.

