



SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND MANDATE REVIEW

UNITAR workshop

Wannes Lint (lint@un.org), General Assembly Affairs Branch

Friday, 21 July 2023



General Assembly

Distr.: General
21 October 2015

Seventieth session

Agenda items 15 and 116

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/70/L.1)]

70/1. Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The General Assembly

Adopts the following outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda:

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Preamble

This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

217 (III). International Bill of Human Rights

A

**UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

PREAMBLE

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly

Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

2373 (XXII). Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2346 A (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2153 A (XXI) of 17 November 1966, 2149 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, 2028 (XX) of 19 November 1965 and 1665 (XVI) of 4 December 1961,

Convinced of the urgency and great importance of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and of intensifying international co-operation in the development of peaceful applications of atomic energy,

Having considered the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament, dated 14 March 1968,¹ and appreciative of the work of the Committee on the elaboration of the draft non-proliferation treaty, which is attached to that report,²

Convinced that, pursuant to the provisions of the treaty, all signatories have the right to engage in research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and will be able to acquire source and special fissionable materials, as well as equipment for the processing, use and production of nuclear material for peaceful purposes,

Convinced further that an agreement to prevent the

on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control;

5. *Requests* the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.

*1672nd plenary meeting,
12 June 1968.*

ANNEX

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The States concluding this Treaty, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties to the Treaty",

Considering the devastation that would be visited upon all mankind by a nuclear war and the consequent need to make every effort to avert the danger of such a war and to take measures to safeguard the security of peoples,

Believing that the proliferation of nuclear weapons would seriously enhance the danger of nuclear war,

In conformity with resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly calling for the conclusion of an agreement on the prevention of wider dissemination of nuclear weapons,

Undertaking to co-operate in facilitating the application of International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards on peaceful nuclear activities,



General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
27 February 2023

Original: English

Seventy-seventh session

Agenda item 13

**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up
to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and
summits in the economic, social and related fields**

**Annual theme of the 2024 session of the Economic and Social
Council and the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable
development and the set of Sustainable Development Goals to be
reviewed by the high-level political forum in 2024**

The General Assembly, recalling its resolutions [67/290](#) of 9 July 2013, [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, [70/299](#) of 29 July 2016, [72/305](#) of 23 July 2018 and [75/290](#) A and [75/290](#) B of 25 July 2021:

(a) Decides that the theme of the 2024 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council shall be “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”;

(b) Also decides that the high-level political forum in 2024, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, shall review in depth:

(i) Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere;

(ii) Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;



From submission to action on a proposal

Below the process for the General Assembly plenary. Minor variation from body to body

1. Submission of proposal

- Submit proposal via e-deleGATE
- Indicate original proponents of proposal

6. Meeting on proposal

- Will your delegation introduce?
- Votes? Amendments? Motions?

5. Review of PBI

Upon submission, proposal is sent to PPBD for review of programme budget implications

2. Co-sponsorship of proposal

- Submit your proposal on e-delegate
- Open your proposal for e-Sponsorship
- Holy See and the State of Palestine

3. Editing of proposal

After submission, the assigned editor will reach out with suggestions on the language.

4. Scheduling of meeting

Upon submission, Secretariat will consult OPGA and suggest a consideration date



1. Submission of a proposal

Proposals can be submitted via email. No hard copies or signatures are needed

Takeaways

- Written notice required five working days before consideration
- Takes into account Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the GA
- Consider the “base text”. If no “base text” is available, an agenda item is needed.
- Submission via e-deleGATE

Rule 78

Proposals and amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the General Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or of motions as to procedure, even though such amendments and motions have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

Submission guidelines

https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guidelines_preparation_co-sponsorship_proposals_submission_GA76.pdf



2. Co-sponsorship of a proposal

Proposals can be opened for co-sponsorship, both via e-deleGATE and during the meeting

Takeaways

- Not required.
- Two places sponsorship is reflected: the original proposal (the “L” document) and the addendum
- Two ways of expressing sponsorship: via e-delegate and in the room by pressing the microphone button
- Only Member States can co-sponsor, unless the delegation confirms the provisions of resolutions 52/250 or 58/314 apply.

Sponsorship guidelines

https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guidelines_preparation_co-sponsorship_proposals_submission_GA76.pdf

Resolution 52/250

The State of Palestine has the “right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions on Palestinian and Middle East issues.”

Resolution 58/314

The Holy See has the “the right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions that make reference to the Holy See”.



From submission to action on a proposal

Below the process for the General Assembly plenary. Minor variation from body to body

1. Submission of proposal

- Submit proposal via e-deleGATE
- Indicate original proponents of proposal

6. Meeting on proposal

- Will your delegation introduce?
- Votes? Amendments? Motions?

5. Review of PBI

Upon submission, proposal is sent to PPBD for review of programme budget implications

2. Co-sponsorship of proposal

- Submit your proposal on e-delegate
- Open your proposal for e-Sponsorship
- Holy See and the State of Palestine

3. Editing of proposal

After submission, the assigned editor will reach out with suggestions on the language.

4. Scheduling of meeting

Upon submission, Secretariat will consult OPGA and suggest a consideration date



5. Review of programme budget implications

General Assembly adopts recommendations from the General Committee

GC recommendations adopted by the General Assembly

- Para 68 – Centrality of Rule 153
- Para 69 – Secretariat not in a position to offer (formal) advice until a proposal is (formally) submitted
- Para 74 – Minimum of 48 hours required to review PBI
- Para 79 – “within existing resources” does not rule out PBI

General Committee recommendations

<https://undocs.org/A/76/250>

Rule 153

No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations.

5. Review of programme budget implications

Below the process for Main Committees. Process in GA plenary is somewhat different.





5. Review of programme budget implications

Language with or without PBI “potential” and the related regulatory framework

Examples of language that might trigger PBI

- Requests the SG to submit a (new) report...
- Requests the SG to establish a dedicated (new) capacity to support...
- Requests the SG to carry out xxx (new) activity...
- Requests the SG to expand/increase the scope/scale of an activity or strengthen the Secretariat's role...
- Decides to convene an open-ended working group/conference/meeting...
- “Within existing resources” does not preclude budgetary implications.

Examples of language that in principle would not trigger a PBI

- Requests the SG to: continue to report...; maintain the capacity to support...; make efforts to carry out new activities; explore options to...;
- Calls upon the SG to ...;
- Invites ...; encourages ...;

Regulatory framework

- GA Rules of procedure, rules 153 and 154
- GA resolutions 45/248 B section VI, 69/321 (para.25), 69/262 (Sect. XII, para.5) and 70/247(paras. 1-5)
- GA decision 34/401 (paras. 12 and13)
- Financial Regulations and Rules (ST/SGB/2013/4 and Amend 1), regulations 2.10 and 2.11, and rule 102.6
- Programme planning Regulations and Rules (ST/SGB/2018/3), regulation 5.9 and rule 105.8



5. Review of programme budget implications

Once the PBI review is completed, an oral statement might be issued

Example of an oral statement

The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1[,] and programme 24[,] and to section 2[,] and section 28[.]

Pursuant to the request contained in the first operative paragraph, the fourth session of the conference in New York in 2022 would consist of 20 meetings (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) in 10 days, with interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations, constituting an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022. [...]

Pursuant to the request in the second operative paragraph, services would be provided for three to four online meetings in 2021, each comprising of up to three hours, for which it is understood that interpretation services would not be required. Related requirements in the amount of \$595,800, were approved, under section 2 for the fourth session of the intergovernmental conference that had been requested to be convened from 16 to 27 August 2021. As at the date of this oral statement, the resource requirements for online discussions in 2021 are estimated at \$640 per meeting, for an estimated total of \$2,560[.]

Should the General Assembly adopt draft decision A/75/L.96, the Secretariat would present a revised estimates report to the main part of the 76th session of the General Assembly detailing the additional requirements needed under the proposed programme budget for 2022.



From submission to action on a proposal

Below the process for the General Assembly plenary. Minor variation from body to body

1. Submission of proposal

- Submit proposal via e-deleGATE
- Indicate original proponents of proposal

2. Co-sponsorship of proposal

- Submit your proposal on e-delegate
- Open your proposal for e-Sponsorship
- Holy See and the State of Palestine

6. Meeting on proposal

- Will your delegation introduce?
- Votes? Amendments? Motions?

5. Review of PBI

Upon submission, proposal is sent to PPBD for review of programme budget implications

3. Editing of proposal

After submission, the assigned editor will reach out with suggestions on the language.

4. Scheduling of meeting

Upon submission, Secretariat will consult OPGA and suggest a consideration date



UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS