

Final Proposal by the Bureau-elect of the 80th Session of the Third Committee

Programme of Work for the Session

The Bureau reiterates its sincere appreciation to delegations for their constructive feedback and active engagement regarding the programme of work for the Third Committee's 80th session.

The 10% reduction in the Committee's meeting entitlement—applied uniformly across all Main Committees and intergovernmental bodies—posed a significant challenge, given the Committee's intensive workload and the volume of resolutions under consideration.

The Bureau, in close consultation with the Secretariat, have considered proposals to address the concerns of some member states requesting more time for national statements under each agenda item. The Secretariat has indicated that, in some dialogues where time permits, additional general statements **on any or all items** can be further made.

The Bureau believes that the current proposal represents the best available option in maintaining adequate time for member states to deliver their national statements on general and/ or specific agenda items, while ensuring adequate time for effective interactive dialogues, which is mandated by relevant GA and HRC resolutions.

In response, the Bureau hereby presents its final proposal for the programme of work:

Programme Structure

1. General Debate

- A single general debate will be held at the start of the session, covering any or all agenda items.
- This partially replaces individual general discussions of items or clusters.
- **Speaking time:**
 - 10 minutes for individual delegations
 - 12 minutes for groups
- Inscriptions will be made via the *espeakers* module in *edeleGATE*. The opening of inscriptions will be announced in advance.

2. General Statements Following Dialogues

- 16 meetings have been identified for general statements on any or all items following interactive dialogues.
- **Estimated total time available:** Approximately 15 hours.
- **Duration for general statements per meeting:** 30 minutes to 1.5 hours, depending on the length of the dialogues preceding the general statements.

- **Speaking time:**
 - 3 minutes per statement.
 - No advance inscriptions; delegations may request to speak during the meeting by pressing the microphone button when the Chair opens the floor. Any spillover requests will be accommodated at the following meeting for general statements.
 - If time permits, delegations may speak a second time, allowing up to 6 minutes total across meetings.
- Meetings designated for general statements are marked in green in the programme.

3. Interactive Dialogues

- Dialogues with UN officials, special procedure mandate holders, and other experts will follow the traditional format.
- Up to three dialogues per meeting, each lasting a maximum of one hour. Interventions will be limited to 2-3 minutes or less.

These arrangements are exceptional and will not constitute a precedent for the programme of work of the 81st or any future session, irrespective of meeting entitlements or liquidity constraints. The Bureau remains committed to exploring all options thoroughly and to restore the traditional format of general discussions on individual items or clusters, alongside interactive dialogues, in its recommendation for the programme of work of the 81st session.