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Note by the Chairman

1. In the interest of facilitating the work of the Second Committee, the Chairman is proposing the following procedure for handling the various items of the General Assembly's agenda which have been referred to this Committee by the Assembly at its 578th plenary meeting.
2. The items referred to the Committee are listed in the letter from the President (A/C.2/190). The Chairman suggests that the Committee take up these items in the following order:

Item 29: Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (resolution 410 A (V) of 1 December 1950 and Economic and Social Council resolution 611 (XXI) of 24 April 1956)

Item 26: Programmes of technical assistance:

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
- (b) Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (resolution 831 (IX) of 26 November 1954)

Item 28: Establishment of a world food reserve: report of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 827 (IX) of 14 December 1954)

Item 27: Economic development of under-developed countries:

- (a) Question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development: report of the Ad Hoc Committee (resolution 923 (X) of 9 December 1955)

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- (b) International tax problems: report of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 825 (IX) of 11 December 1954)
- (c) Industrialization of under-developed countries (Economic and Social Council resolutions 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956 and 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956)

Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council

3. As regards item 26 (Programmes of technical assistance), the Chairman wishes to draw the Committee's attention to the fact that, for its discussion of sub-item (b) (Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance), the Committee will require to have before it the report of the Technical Assistance Committee. The United Nations Technical Assistance Conference having taken place on 17 October 1956, the Technical Assistance Committee will convene on 26 November. Should its report not be available at the time when the Second Committee completes consideration of sub-item (a) (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the discussion of sub-item (b) would have to be postponed. It should, however, be taken up as soon as the report of TAC is available, in order that consideration of the allocation of funds for 1957 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance can be completed on time.

4. As regards item 27 (Economic development of under-developed countries), the Chairman suggests that its consideration begin, as in previous years, by a general debate on economic development. In this connexion the Chairman would propose that, in the general debate, members should not feel limited in the expression of their views to the three sub-items: (a) Question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development; (b) International tax problems; (c) Industrialization of under-developed countries - but should speak to and present any proposals that they may have concerning any aspect of the subject. The Chairman also suggests that members should be entirely free to comment, at the same time, upon such sections of chapters II, IV and V of the report of the Economic and Social Council dealing with general economic questions as they feel are relevant to the item under discussion. In making this recommendation, the Chairman recognizes that members of the Committee will also be free to make such general statements as they may feel necessary when item 12 is taken up.

5. The Chairman further suggests:

- (i) That, when each individual sub-item of item 27 is considered, it would be appropriate for the Committee to discuss simultaneously the relevant part of chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council which deals with the economic development of under-developed countries.
- (ii) That proposals submitted under the item on economic development of under-developed countries should be arranged in categories in accordance with the subjects covered by the sub-items. The Committee should then decide the order in which these categories of proposals should be considered. In any one category, the proposals will, of course, be considered in the order in which they have been presented to the Committee, i.e. in accordance with rule 132 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly which reads as follows:

"If two or more proposals relate to the same question, a committee shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been submitted. A committee may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal."

6. As regards the order in which the sub-items of item 27 should be discussed, the Chairman suggests that sub-item (c) (Industrialization of under-developed countries), be taken up first in view of its more specific character.

Sub-items (a) and (b) (Question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development, and International tax problems), which both relate to the problem of financing of economic development, might be considered by the Committee after the completion of sub-item (c).

7. The Chairman recommends that the Committee agree, at an appropriate moment during its consideration of an item, on a time-limit for submitting proposals under that item.

8. The Chairman believes that the adoption of the suggestions contained in paragraphs 2 to 7 above would give all members of the Committee an opportunity to express their views fully on any aspect of every item on the agenda of the Committee without encouraging any unnecessary duplication of debate.

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9. Finally, the attention of the Committee is drawn to document A/3192 which contains information on agenda items 12, 26, 27 and 28, document A/C.2/189 and Corr.1 relating to item 26 (a) only, as well as to documents A/3195, A/3322 and A/3136 relating to agenda item 29.

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