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The General Assembly may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope
of the present Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any organs
provided for in the present Charter, and, except as provided in Article 12, may
make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security
Council or to both on any such questions or matters.

Introductory Note

1. As in previous Supplements, the present study deals with the general aspects of
the practice followed by the principal organs of the United Nations in relation to Article
10 of the Charter. In particular, the General Survey provides addressees of recommendations and formulations of these diverse recommendations that appear in resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the period under review. In addition, this study includes an Analytical Summary that addresses issues relating to the reform of the Security Council reform and the revitalization of the General Assembly.

2. Resolutions of the General Assembly which appear to bear on the more specific functions and powers of the General Assembly are treated under Articles 11, 13 and 14. Resolutions admitting a State to membership in the United Nations, as well as those containing recommendations to the Security Council with regard to the question of admission of new Members, are treated in the study on Article 4.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

3. During the period under review, the General Assembly adopted three resolutions which explicitly referred to Article 10.¹ No explicit reference was made to Article 10 in the resolutions adopted by the Security Council.

4. A large number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly throughout the period under review might be considered to contain implicit references to Article 10 or otherwise to have a bearing on the Article, on account of the broad powers laid down to the General Assembly in the Article.

¹ G A resolutions 57/337, para. 17; 59/313, para. 1(b); and 60/286, Annex.
5. Article 10 was invoked in the deliberations of the General Assembly, sometimes together with other Articles of the Charter, particularly Articles 11, 12, 13, 14, and 35. Also in the deliberations of the Security Council, explicit references were made to Article 10. During the discussions of the General Assembly and Security Council relating to Security Council reform and to the revitalization of the General Assembly, several delegations emphasized the authority of the General Assembly to discuss any questions or matters within the scope of the Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any United Nations organs, as well as to make any recommendations to United Nations Members and to the Security Council. Some delegations pointed out that the legal nature of General Assembly resolutions was that of a recommendation. Constitutional discussions arose in the context of the reform of the Security Council, which will be the subject of discussions in the Analytical Summary.

6. According to the wording of Article 10, the General Assembly can direct recommendations to the Members of the United Nations, to the Security Council, or to both. Accordingly, the General Assembly has addressed its recommendations to Member

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2 A/55/PV.30, p. 14; A/55/PV.35, p. 33; A/55/PV.36, p. 5; A/55/PV.67, p. 37; A/55/PV.106, pp. 6, 10, 19 and 21; A/55/PV.107, pp. 18, 20, 23, 26 and 31; A/56/PV.27, p. 24; A/58/PV.29, p. 13; A/58/PV.44, pp. 2, 13, 15 and 26; A/58/PV.45, p. 12; A/58/PV.46, pp. 21 and 23; A/59/PV.20, p. 1; A/60/PV.48, pp. 6, 8, 15 and 16; A/60/PV.49, p. 7; A/60/PV.66, pp. 9 and 14; A/60/PV.94, p. 14; A/60/PV.95, p. 23; A/61/PV.73, p. 23; A/61/PV.74, p. 7; A/61/PV.77, pp. 2 and 9; A/62/PV.56, pp. 4 and 10; A/63/PV.100, p. 13; A/63/PV.105, p. 7; A/64/PV.50, and A/63/PV.50, pp. 25 and 27.
3 S/PV.4288, p. 20; S/PV.4334 (RESUMPTION1), pp. 18 and 21; and S/PV.4980, p. 9.
4 A/55/PV.106, pp. 6, 19 and 21; A/55/PV.107, pp. 18, 20, 23, 26 and 31; A/58/PV.44, pp. 13, 15 and 26; A/58/PV.46, pp. 21 and 23; S/PV.4334 (RESUMPTION1), pp. 18 and 21; S/PV.4980, p. 9; A/60/PV.48, pp. 6, 8, 15 and 16; A/60/PV.94, p. 14; A/60/PV.95, p. 23; A/61/PV.73, p. 23; A/61/PV.74, p. 7; A/61/PV.77, pp. 2 and 9; and A/64/PV.50, p. 27.
5 A/63/PV.100, p. 13 and A/63/PV.105, p. 7.
6 S/PV.4980, p. 9; A/60/PV.48, pp. 6, 8, 15 and 16; A/60/PV.49, p. 7; and A/60/PV.94, p. 14.
States, to certain Member States, to specific Member States, and to the Security Council and its permanent members.

7. In practice, the General Assembly has not restricted itself to directing recommendations to those named explicitly in Article 10. The General Assembly has also addressed its recommendations to the Secretary-General, to the Secretariat, to the United Nations, to the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, to the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, to the funds and programmes of the United Nations system,

7 For example, G A resolutions 55/173, paras. 5 and 7; 55/282, para. 3; 56/225B, para. 3; 56/294, para. 5; 57/128, para. 12; 57/218, para. 2; 58/55, para. 3; 58/214, para. 14; 59/125, para. 6; 59/190, para. 3; 60/51, paras. 2 and 3; 60/78, paras. 1-3; 61/134, paras. 18 and 19; 61/180, paras. 5-9; 62/176, paras. 12, 13, 26 and 28; 63/226, para. 14; 63/234, paras. 15, 18, 22 and 37; 64/157, para. 3; and 64/217, paras. 5, 8-13, 19, 26, 29 and 30.

8 For example, G A resolutions 55/275, paras. 5 and 7; 56/225B, para. 3; 57/128, para. 12; 58/214, para. 14; 59/125, para. 6; 60/69, para. 1; 61/179, para. 4; 62/162, para. 6; 63/197, para. 31; and 64/237, para. 12.

9 For example, G A resolutions 55/132, para. 2; 56/62, para. 4; 57/121, paras. 6, 7 and 9; 58/23, paras. 5 and 6; 59/33, paras. 5 and 6; 60/40, paras. 5 and 6; 61/118, para. 2; 62/110, paras. 2 and 4; 63/96, para. 2; and 64/185, para. 7.

10 For example, G A resolutions 55/217, para. 6; 56/288, paras. 3 and 4; 57/337, paras. 21, 22, 27, 28, 30 and 31; 58/253, paras. 15 and 16; 59/191, para. 7; 60/158, para. 10; 60/286, para. 2; 62/159, para. 14; 63/185, paras. 19 and 22; and 64/168, paras. 9 and 13.

11 For example, G A resolutions 55/271, paras. 11 and 12; 56/210B, para. 5; 57/333, paras. 6, 8, 9 and 18; 58/311, paras. 5, 7-10 and 14; 59/237, paras. 3, 4 and 7; 60/225, para. 5; 61/85, para. 5; 62/197, para. 13; 63/94, para. 2; and 64/30, para. 2 and 8.

12 For example, G A resolutions 55/278, para. 5; 56/225B, para. 3; 57/336, para. 2; 58/214, para. 18; 59/147, para. 6; 60/118, para. 3; 61/146, para. 19; 62/111, paras. 5, 6, 8, 37, 49, 52, 53, 55 and 64; 63/216, paraj. 13; and 64/105, para. 5.

13 For example, G A resolutions 55/81, para. 3; 56/265, para. 6; 57/266, para. 25; 58/203, para. 11; 59/213, paras. 8, 10, 22, 24 and 25; 60/223, paras. 8 and 9; 61/197, paras. 5, 11 and 12; 62/132, para. 15; 63/155, para. 17; and 64/200, paras. 5-7.

14 For example, G A resolutions 55/84, para. 21; 56/200, paras. 11 and 12; 57/250, para. 12; 58/203, para. 17; 59/249, para. 12; 60/5, para. 9; 61/146, para. 19; 62/189, para. 18; 63/187, para. 27; and 64/191, paras. 4 and 36.

15 For example, G A resolutions 55/26, para. 13; 56/17, para. 16; 57/95, paras. 4-6; 58/164, para. 23; 59/127, para. 4; 60/36, paras. 2-4; 61/111, paras. 36 and 43; 62/69, paras. 3 and 4; 63/89, paras. 4, 6, 9 and 10; and 64/80, para. 5.

16 For example, G A resolutions 55/90, para. 23; 56/266, para. 7; 57/259, para. 12; 58/108A-B, para. 14; 59/27, para. 6; 60/178, para. 3; 60/286, para. 2; 62/201, para. 3; 63/228, para. 13; and 64/86, para. 41.

17 For example, G A resolutions 55/177, para. 16; 56/223, para. 16; 57/161, para. 19; 58/141, para. 7; 59/158, para. 8; 60/128, paras. 9, 10, 16, 17, 25 and 26; 61/199, para. 5; 62/150, para. 11; 63/225, para. 13; and 64/137, para. 3.
specific international or regional organizations or its representatives,\(^{18}\) to States,\(^{19}\) to
certain States,\(^{20}\) to all governments or countries,\(^{21}\) to governments or countries,\(^{22}\) to
certain governments,\(^{23}\) to specific governments,\(^{24}\) to certain countries,\(^{25}\) to occupying
powers,\(^{26}\) to administering powers,\(^{27}\) to concerned parties,\(^{28}\) to political parties,\(^{29}\) to the
private sector,\(^{30}\) to the media,\(^{31}\) to intergovernmental organizations,\(^{32}\) to non-

\(^{18}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/284, para. 4; 56/67, para. 6; 57/133, para. 6; 58/104, para. 6; 59/46,
para. 16; 60/166, para. 9; 61/198, paras. 7 and 20; 62/197, para. 5; 63/241, para. 53; and 64/251, para. 25.

\(^{19}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/107, para. 9; 55/254, paras. 2 and 3; 56/266, paras. 9-11; 57/195, para.
10; 57/218, paras. 5-7; 58/164, para. 8; 58/190, paras. 3, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22 and 24; 59/87, para. 5; 59/215,
para. 1; 60/43, paras. 3, 4, 14 and 15; 60/150, paras. 9, 10 and 13; 61/74, para. 12; 61/155, paras. 6, 7, 9 and
10; 62/140, paras. 6, 10, 11, 14-20, 25, 26 and 28-31; 62/148, paras. 1, 8 and 16; 63/197, paras. 6, 8-10, 13,
14, 18, 22, 23, 25, 30 and 44; and 64/148, paras. 5, 6, 26 and 31-33.

\(^{20}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/163, para. 12; 56/166, para. 5; 57/195, para. 11; 58/190, para. 21; 59/37,
para. 9; 60/231, para. 27; 61/58, para. 4; 62/99, para. 3; 63/183, paras. 5 and 8; and 64/71, para. 136.

\(^{21}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/116, para. 15; 56/67, para. 5; 57/195, para. 11; 58/190, para. 21; 59/37,
para. 9; 60/231, para. 27; 61/58, para. 4; 62/99, para. 3; 63/183, paras. 5 and 8; and 64/71, para. 136.

\(^{22}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/94, paras. 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 18; 56/132, paras. 3-5; 57/214, paras. 7 and
9; 58/164, para. 4; 59/174, paras. 5 and 9; 60/210, para. 8; 61/198, paras. 10 and 20; 62/158, para. 6;
63/156, paras. 2-8, 12-14, 16-20 and 23-25; and 64/205, paras. 7, 8, 13, 14, 19 and 27.

\(^{23}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/11, para. 7; 56/131, paras. 6 and 7; 57/250, para. 14; 58/143, paras. 7, 8,
10-12, and 14; 59/166, paras. 12 and 13; 60/139, paras. 7, 8, 10, 11 and 14; 61/149, para. 26; 62/113, para.
6; 63/151, para. 7; and 64/207, paras. 2 and 6.

\(^{24}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/112, paras. 2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 17 and 21; 56/175, paras. 4 and 5(a);
57/233, para. 5; 58/238, paras. 13 and 15; 59/205, para. 3; 60/218, para. 6; 61/188, para. 6, 7, 9, 14, 25-28,
30, 32, 34, 36 and 38; 62/167, para. 4; 63/191, para. 3; and 64/195, para. 4.

\(^{25}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/210, para. 16; 56/207, para. 27; 57/266, paras. 11 and 15; 58/242, para.
6; 59/185, para. 17; 60/204, para. 11; 61/228, paras. 6, 7, 11, 21 and 24; 62/184, para. 7; 63/178, para. 24;
and 64/30, para. 4.

\(^{26}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/133, paras. 1 and 3; 56/262, para. 4; 57/121, para. 6; 58/155, para. 2;
59/125, para. 1; 60/39 paras. 6 and 11; 61/184, paras. 2, 6 and 7; 62/109, paras. 2, 6, 7, 8 and 12; 63/99,
para. 11; 64/93, paras. 3 and 5.

\(^{27}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/146, para. 3; 56/72, para. 8; 57/133, para. 14; 58/105, para. 4; 59/127,
para. 2; 60/116, para. 13; 61/126, para. 8; 62/120, paras. 1, 5 and 10-13; 63/101, para. 2; and 64/104A,
paras. 5, 6 and 8.

\(^{28}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/74, para. 12; 56/215, para. 11; 57/110, para. 6; 58/21, para. 7; 59/236,
paras. 6 and 9; 60/128, paras. 3 and 15; 61/155, paras. 2 and 5; 62/15, para. 4; 63/50, para. 6; and 64/146,
para. 19.

\(^{29}\) For example, G A resolution 56/169, para. 7.

\(^{30}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/79, para. 19; 56/198, para. 6; 57/190, para. 21; 58/142, para. 2; 59/223,
para. 18; 60/221, para. 19; 61/134, para. 16; 62/274, para. 7; 63/175, para. 11; and 64/131, para. 2.

\(^{31}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/254, para. 3; 56/139, para. 16; 57/212, para. 18; 58/156, para. 18;
59/166, para. 20; 60/150, para. 14; 61/10, para. 3; 62/140, para. 22; 63/156, para. 21; and 64/80, para. 9.

\(^{32}\) For example, G A resolutions 55/173, para. 5; 56/54, para. 4; 57/253, para. 4; 58/218, para. 3; 59/125,
para. 1; 60/43, para. 18; 61/205, para. 5; 62/191, para. 3; 63/147, paras. 3-5; and 64/171, para. 8.
governmental organizations, to civil society, to the international community and to individuals.

8. In the formulations of these diverse recommendations, the General Assembly used a variety of terms including “calls upon”, “requests”, “urges”, “invites”, “demands”, “recommends”, “encourages” or “stresses”.

33 For example, G A resolutions 55/284, para. 4; 56/132, para. 3; 57/250, para. 15; 58/103, para. 12; 59/128, para. 12; 60/32, para. 22; 61/155, para. 9; 62/134, para. 4; 63/140, paras. 5 and 15; and 64/139, para. 18.

34 For example, G A resolutions 55/91, para. 8; 56/132, para. 3; 57/189, para. 13; 58/142, para. 2; 59/184, para. 6; 60/167, para. 13; 61/161, paras. 9 and 11; 62/134, para. 4; 63/135, para. 3; and 64/200, para. 21.

35 For example, G A resolutions 55/177, paras. 16 and 17; 56/36, para. 4; 57/161, paras. 19-21; 58/203, paras. 11 and 16; 59/147, para. 3; 60/221, paras. 3, 4, 14, 15, 18 and 19; 61/200, para. 2; 62/197, paras. 8 and 9; 63/171, para. 20; and 64/216, para. 8.

36 For example, G A resolutions 55/138, para. 12; 56/79, para. 11; 57/17, para. 6; 58/103, para. 12; 59/128, para. 12; 60/111, para. 12; 61/134, para. 16; 61/271, para. 2; 63/141, paras. 26 and 27; and 64/12, para. 5.

37 For example, G A resolutions 55/132, para. 2; 55/175, paras. 4, 8-10, 12 and 21; 56/132, paras. 3 and 4; 56/166, para. 7; 56/175, paras. 4 and 6; 57/218, paras. 3, 6 and 16; 57/252, para. 5; 58/164, paras. 12, 13, 15, 20 and 31; 58/203, paras. 9 and 11; 58/218, paras. 3 and 4; 59/37, paras. 8 and 9; 59/158, paras. 5 and 8; 59/213, paras. 4, 12-14, 18, 19 and 25; 60/39 para. 6; 60/40, para. 5; 60/43, paras. 3, 4 and 14; 60/78, para. 1; 60/116, para. 13; 60/128, paras. 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17; 60/139, paras. 10 and 11; 60/221, paras. 3, 14, 15 and 18; 60/231, para. 27; 61/18, para. 5; 61/58, para. 4; 61/74, para. 12; 61/118, para. 2; 61/126, para. 8; 61/134, para. 19; 61/144, para. 7; 61/146, para. 19; 61/155, paras. 2, 5 and 10; 61/179, para. 4; 61/184, paras. 2, 6 and 7; 61/197, paras. 5 and 11; 61/198, para. 7; 61/199, para. 5; 61/228, paras. 7, 21 and 24; 62/15, para. 4; 62/109, paras. 6 and 8; 62/110, paras. 2 and 4; 62/113, para. 6; 62/120, paras. 1, 5, 10 and 13; 62/140, paras. 6, 22, 30 and 31; 62/148, paras. 1 and 16; 62/162, para. 6; 62/176, para. 28; 62/197, paras. 8 and 9; 63/99, para. 11; 63/183, para. 5; 62/184, para. 7; 62/197, para. 5; 63/141, para. 26; 63/155, para. 17; 63/156, paras. 2-4; 63/171, para. 20; 63/191, para. 3; 63/197, para. 10, 13, 23 and 44; 63/225, para. 13; 63/234, para. 18 and 22; 64/93, para. 3; 64/104A, para. 6; 64/137, para. 3; 64/148, paras. 5 and 32; 64/157, para. 3; 64/171, para. 8; 64/185, para. 7; 64/200, paras. 6 and 7; 64/205, para. 14; 64/216, para. 8; and 64/217, paras. 11 and 13.

38 For example, G A resolutions 55/271, paras. 11 and 12; 55/278, para. 5; 55/280, paras. 2 and 4; 56/67, paras. 6, 8, 9, 14, 16 and 18-20; 56/225B, para. 6; 57/133, paras. 6, 8, 9, 14, 16 and 18-20; 57/218, paras. 2, 5 and 18; 58/164, paras. 22, 26 and 30; 58/203, para. 18; 58/214, paras. 12, 18 and 21; 59/27, para. 8; 59/127, paras. 2-4; 59/191, paras. 8 and 11-13; 60/36, paras. 2-4; 60/118, para. 3; 60/8, para. 8; 60/225, para. 5; 61/85, para. 5; 61/111, paras. 36 and 43; 61/155, para. 7; 62/69, para. 3; 62/111, paras. 5, 6, 25, 49, 52, 53, 55 and 64; 62/120, paras. 11 and 12; 62/140, para. 25; 62/150, para. 3; 63/50, para. 6; 63/89, paras. 4 and 6; 63/94, para. 2; 64/104A, para. 5; 63/140, paras. 5 and 15; 63/147, para. 3; 63/156, paras. 5, 6, 8, 12 and 18; 63/178, para. 24; 63/197, paras. 6, 8, 14, 25 and 30; 63/226, para. 14; 63/234, paras. 15 and 37; 63/241, para. 53; 64/131, para. 2; 64/148, paras. 6, 26 and 31; and 64/217, paras. 5, 8, 9, 10, 24, 26 and 30.

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9. This Analytical Summary addresses two main issues, Security Council reform and the revitalization of the General Assembly. In terms of Security Council reform, the following analysis focuses on the three forums for discussion on this issue, the various aspects of this issue that have been discussed throughout the period under review, and the areas of possible agreement by the end of the period under review. With respect to the revitalization of the General Assembly, the following analysis focuses on the proper forum for discussion on this issue, the organization of General Assembly agenda items,

40 For example, G A resolutions 55/68, para. 10; 55/177, para. 16; 56/132, paras. 10 and 25; 56/266, paras. 6, 8 and 9; 57/161, para. 19; 57/250, paras. 12 and 14; 58/164, paras. 7, 18 and 29; 58/203, para. 17; 58/214, paras. 2, 11 and 14; 59/166, paras. 9, 17, 20, 23 and 25; 59/190, para. 9; 59/236, paras. 5, 6, 7 and 12; 60/5, para. 9; 60/32, para. 22; 60/43, para. 18; 60/51, para. 2; 60/69, para. 1; 60/78, para. 2; 60/166, para. 9; 60/167, para. 13; 60/204, para. 11; 60/223, para. 9; 61/10, para. 3; 61/134, para. 16; 61/155, para. 8; 61/161, paras. 9 and 11; 61/180, paras. 7, 8 and 9; 61/197, para. 11; 61/198, para. 10; 61/205, para. 5; 61/271, para. 2; 62/69, para. 4; 62/132, para. 15; 62/134, para. 4; 62/140, para. 26; 62/158, para. 6; 62/189, para. 18; 63/89, paras. 9 and 10; 63/135, para. 3; 63/141, para. 27; 63/147, para. 5; 63/151, para. 7; 63/156, paras. 13, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 24; 63/183, para. 8; 63/197, para. 18; 64/12, para. 5; 64/30, para. 8; 64/71, para. 136; 64/139, para. 18; 64/191, paras. 4 and 36; 64/200, paras. 5, 6 and 7; 64/205, para. 27; and 64/207, para. 6.

41 For example, G A resolutions 55/111, para. 4; 55/119, para. 10; 55/131, para. 2; 56/59, para. 2; 56/62, paras. 2 and 4; 56/215, para. 8; 57/127, paras. 1 and 5; 57/214, para. 2; 57/220, para. 3; 58/97, para. 2; 58/99, paras. 2 and 5; 58/155, para. 2; 59/122, para. 2; 59/124, paras. 2, 7 and 8; 59/197, para. 2; 60/39, para. 11; 60/40, para. 6; 62/109, paras. 2, 7 and 12; 63/96, para. 2; and 64/93, para. 5.

42 For example, G A resolutions 55/84, paras. 19 and 21; 55/132, para. 34; 55/172, para. 10; 56/67, paras. 2, 10 and 15; 56/159, para. 5; 56/228, para. 2; 57/157, para. 6; 57/263, para. 5; 57/270B, paras. 9, 38, 61, 67 and 69; 58/104, paras. 2, 10 and 15; 58/158, para. 9; 58/162, para. 14; 59/47, paras. 6 and 7; 59/64, para. 4; 59/181, para. 3; and 60/112, para. 18.

43 For example, G A resolutions 55/116, paras. 5 and 6; 55/268, para. 16; 55/275, para. 27; 56/175, para. 5; 56/294, para. 21; 56/505, para. 18; 57/152, paras. 11, 16, 17 and 21; 57/267, para. 7; 57/335, para. 24; 58/16, para. 3; 58/204, para. 3; 58/312, para. 14; 59/8, para. 8; 59/212, paras. 13, 20, 21 and 23; 59/309, para. 9; 60/11, para. 14; 60/128, paras. 25 and 26; 60/139, para. 14; 60/158, para. 10; 60/178, para. 3; 60/218, para. 6; 60/223, para. 9; 61/18, paras. 26 and 30; 61/155, para. 9; 61/180, paras. 5 and 6; 61/198, para. 20; 61/228, para. 11; 62/111, para. 8; 62/140, para. 18; 62/148, para. 8; 62/159, para. 14; 62/176, paras. 13 and 26; 62/201, para. 4; 63/185, paras. 19 and 22; 62/197, para. 13; 63/147, para. 4; 63/156, paras. 7, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 25; 63/175, para. 11; 63/197, para. 9, 22, 31; 63/216, para. 13; 63/228, para. 13; 64/30, paras. 2 and 4; 64/80, paras. 5 and 9; 64/104A, para. 6; 64/148, para. 33; 64/168, paras. 9 and 13; 64/200, para. 21; 64/205, paras. 7, 8, 13 and 19; 64/207, para. 2; 64/217, paras. 12, 19 and 29; 64/237, para. 12; and 64/251, para. 25.

44 For example, G A resolutions 55/105, para. 5; 55/245, para. 2; 55/247, paras. 3 and 5; 56/201, paras. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 25, 28, 35 and 84; 56/258, para. 3; 56/262, para. 4; 57/152, paras. 4, 9 and 13; 57/215, para. 11; 57/268, paras. 2 and 5; 58/52, paras. 3, 6 and 8; 58/203, paras. 4, 7 and 10; 58/238, para. 19; 59/164, para. 7; 59/217, para. 5; 59/243, para. 4; and 62/111, para. 37.
the election of the General Assembly’s President, Vice-President and Chair of Main Committees, the roles of the Office of the President and the General Assembly, and the relationship and balance of roles between the Security Council and the General Assembly in matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security.

\[ A) \] Security Council reform

10. During the period under review, the General Assembly discussed the question of Security Council reform with the objective of achieving a more representative, efficient, transparent, effective and accountable Security Council.\(^{(45)}\) Many heads of State and Government and other high-level representatives of Member States expressed their Governments’ views on Security Council reform during the annual general debate of the General Assembly.\(^{(46)}\) Member States also expressed their views on this issue when the

\[^{(45)}\] GA resolution 60/1, paras. 153 and 154; and A/63/47, Annex.

\[^{(46)}\] A/55/PV.10, pp. 2, 12, 17, 26 and 27; A/55/PV.11, pp. 6, 7, 13, 16, 23, 26 and 32; A/55/PV.12, pp. 5, 12, 23, 26 and 27; A/55/PV.13, pp. 1, 6, 7, 11, 16-19, 24, 29, 33, 36 and 38; A/55/PV.14, pp. 5, 7, 9-11, 15, 17, 18, 25, 26 and 28; A/55/PV.15, pp. 11, 18, 22, 26, 28 and 39; A/55/PV.16, pp. 6, 7, 18, 20, 24 and 25; A/55/PV.17, pp. 2, 7, 16, 20, 23, 28 and 31; A/55/PV.18, pp. 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 20 and 22; A/55/PV.19, pp. 4, 5, 12 and 17; A/55/PV.20, pp. 5, 12, 16, 17, 23, 25 and 26; A/55/PV.21, pp. 5, 9, 12-14, 17, 30, 31, 34 and 39; A/55/PV.22, pp. 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 18 and 19; A/55/PV.23, pp. 3, 6, 10, 13, 18 and 23; A/55/PV.24, pp. 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 16, 23 and 24; A/55/PV.25, pp. 2, 9, 10, 12, 20, 22, 27 and 33; A/56/PV.44, pp. 6, 15, 36, 41 and 42; A/56/PV.45, pp. 22, 28 and 35; A/56/PV.46, pp. 7, 14, 26, 28 and 32; A/56/PV.47, pp. 2, 3, 9, 26, 28, 33, 34 and 38; A/56/PV.48, pp. 2, 20 and 34; A/56/PV.49, pp. 10, 16, 34 and 37; A/56/PV.50, pp. 3, 5, 11 and 17; A/56/PV.51, pp. 10, 12, 17, 23, 35 and 42; A/56/PV.52, pp. 2, 6, 8, 10, 19, 21 and 29; A/56/PV.53, pp. 3, 10, 11, 15, 19, 25 and 32; A/56/PV.54, pp. 3, 5, 8, 14, 18, 19, 22 and 26; A/56/PV.55, pp. 5, 6, 27, 29 and 31; A/56/PV.56, pp. 2, 12, 26, 31, 35 and 36; A/56/PV.57, pp. 8 and 13; A/57/PV.2, p. 5; A/57/PV.3, pp. 2, 8, 17 and 30; A/57/PV.4, pp. 7, 12, 18, 19 and 25; A/57/PV.5, pp. 31; A/57/PV.6, pp. 7, 16, 29 and 31; A/57/PV.7, pp. 2, 19, 24 and 27; A/57/PV.8, pp. 3, 5, 18, 22 and 28; A/57/PV.9, pp. 2, 5, 8, 11 and 30; A/57/PV.12, pp. 8, 11, 13, 17, 23, 24 and 28; A/57/PV.13, pp. 4, 17, 19, 21 and 30; A/57/PV.14, pp. 3, 4, 6, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 20; A/57/PV.15, pp. 13, 14, 24 and 28; A/57/PV.16, pp. 4, 7, 9, 10, 13 and 21; A/57/PV.17, pp. 4, 6, 8, 11 and 18; A/57/PV.18, pp. 21 and 25; A/57/PV.19, pp. 3, 6, 16-18, 25, 31, 32 and 34; A/57/PV.20, pp. 10, 12, 17, 23, 25 and 30; A/57/PV.21, pp. 2, 5, 8, 11 and 24; A/57/PV.22, pp. 10, 14, 17, 20, 23, 25 and 30; A/57/PV.23, pp. 15, 17, 20, 22 and 25; A/57/PV.24, pp. 4, 7-9, 17, 20, 23, 25, 26, 33, 36, 40, 41, 43, 45 and 46; A/59/PV.3, pp. 3, 5, 9, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 30 and 32; A/59/PV.6, pp. 2-4, 7, 12, 16, 19, 24, 26, 32, 33, 38, 43 and 47; A/59/PV.7, pp. 1, 4, 9, 12, 15, 18, 22, 27, 28, 31 and 33; A/59/PV.8, pp. 3, 8, 13, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, 28, 32, 34, 36, 43, 45 and 51; A/59/PV.9, pp. 4, 8, 12, 18 and 29; A/59/PV.10, pp. 3, 6, 17, 20-22, 25, 28, 29, 33, 35-37, 41, 45, 46, 48, 52 and 53; A/59/PV.11, pp.
General Assembly considered the agenda item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters”. The General Assembly’s Open-ended Working Group on the Question of
Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council ("Working Group on Security Council Reform") continued its consideration of all aspects of this question during the period under review. Some of these discussions were relevant to the interpretation and application of the Charter provisions.

11. On 8 September 2000, the heads of State and Government adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which they expressed their determination to “intensify [their] efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects”. Accordingly, between the fifty-fourth and fifty-seventh sessions, the Working Group on Security Council Reform considered proposals, papers, and letters submitted by delegations relating to various aspects of Security Council reform in two clusters. Cluster I related to decision-making in the Security Council, including the veto; increase in membership of the Security Council; and periodic review of the enlarged Security Council. Cluster II related to the working methods of the Security Council and transparency of its work.

12. At the fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth, and sixty-first sessions, the Chairperson of the Working Group on Security Council Reform conducted focused discussions on a limited

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48 G A resolution 48/26.
49 A/54/47; A/55/47; A/56/47; A/57/47; A/58/47; A/59/47; A/60/47; A/61/47; A/62/47; and A/63/47.
50 For example, A/60/PV.48, pp. 6, 8, 15 and 16; A/60/PV.49, p. 7; and A/60/PV.94, p. 14.
51 G A resolution 55/2, para. 30.
52 A/54/47; A/55/47; A/56/47; and A/57/47.
number of topics.\textsuperscript{55} Such topics included the question of the use of the veto;\textsuperscript{56} the size of an enlarged Security Council;\textsuperscript{57} the question of regional representation;\textsuperscript{58} categories of membership;\textsuperscript{59} the working methods of the Security Council;\textsuperscript{60} and accountability,\textsuperscript{61} including the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly.\textsuperscript{62}

13. In the sixty-second and sixty-third sessions, the efforts of the Working Group on Security Council Reform were focused on preparing for the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform.\textsuperscript{63} The intergovernmental negotiations took place in informal plenaries of the General Assembly during the sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions.\textsuperscript{64}

14. Provisional agreement has been reached on a large number of aspects dealing with the working methods of the Security Council and transparency of its work.\textsuperscript{65} However, substantial differences of views remained on other aspects of Security Council reform, especially on which categories of membership should be expanded and on what terms,

\textsuperscript{58} A/58/47, para. 20 and Annex IV, paras. 2 and 14-30; and A/61/47, para. 14, Annex II and Annex IV, para. 20.
\textsuperscript{61} A/58/47, para. 23 and Annex IV, paras. 2 and 57-68.
\textsuperscript{64} A/63/49 (Vol. III), p. 147.
the veto, and the size of an enlarged Security Council. There were many proposals, including those presented by regional groups and major interest groups like the Group of Four, African Group, Uniting for Consensus, and Small Five States.

15. In the 2005 World Summit Outcome, heads of State and Government expressed support for early reform of the Security Council and recommended that the Security Council continue to adapt its working methods.

16. Despite intense discussions on Security Council reform, the discussions were not conclusive during the period under review.

B. Revitalization of the General Assembly

17. During the period under review, the negotiation on the revitalization of the General Assembly, with a purpose to enhance its effective role as chief deliberative,
The General Assembly, at its fifty-ninth session, established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly ("Working Group on the Revitalization"),\(^7\) which was open to all Member States, and with the mandate to contribute to the debate and enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly.\(^7\) The Working Group on the Revitalization divided its work into three clusters.\(^7\) Cluster I, related to working methods,\(^7\) cluster II focused on the selection of the Secretary-General,\(^7\) and cluster III was mandated to examine the role and authority of the General Assembly.\(^7\)

During the period under review, the General Assembly adopted measures to organize, cluster, biennialize, triennialize and eliminate some items on its agenda.\(^8\) At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, for its consideration, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly organized under headings which correspond to the eight priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005.\(^8\) Nine agenda headings were subsequently adopted which correspond to these United Nations

\(^7\) The revitalization of the work of the General Assembly started in 1991 at the forty-sixth session with passing of several resolutions under the title of “Strengthening the United Nations Systems” : G A resolutions 46/77; 47/233; 48/264; 51/241; and 52/163. In the period of review the following resolutions were passed under the title “Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly”: G A resolutions 55/14; 55/285; 56/509; 57/300; 57/301; 58/126; 58/316; 59/313; 60/286; 61/292; 62/276; and 63/309.

\(^8\) G A resolution 55/285, Annex para. 1.

\(^9\) G A resolutions 59/313, para. 4.

\(^7\) G A resolutions 62/276, para. 2(a); and A/60/999, para. 4.

\(^7\) A/60/999, para. 12; and A/62/952, para. 10.

\(^7\) A/62/952/Add.1, Annex II; and A/63/959, Annex.

\(^7\) A/62/952/Add.1, Annex II.

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\(^8\) G A resolutions 55/285; 58/126; 58/316 and 63/30.

priorities, including: (i) Maintenance of international peace and security; (ii) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; (iii) Development of Africa; (iv) Promotion of human rights; (v) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts; (vi) Promotion of justice and international law; (vii) Disarmament; (viii) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; and (ix) Organizational, administrative and other matters.  

The ninth heading was added to provide the issues and challenges addressed by the Assembly more structure, better presentation and accessibility.  

20. At its fifty-sixth session, the General Assembly made amendments to its rules of procedure, specifically rules 30, 31 and 99, to improve its work and facilitate a smooth transition between successive presidencies. The General Assembly’s President, twenty-one Vice-Presidents, and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees are to be elected three months before the opening session of these bodies. In order to ensure the representative character of the General Committee, however, the Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the Chairmen of the six Main Committees. In the event that a President of the General Assembly is not elected before the opening of the session, the previous session’s President will continue his or her duties until such time that a new President is elected.  

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82 G A resolution 58/316, Annex para. 2(a) and 2(b).  
83 G A resolution 58/316, Annex para. 2(a).  
84 G A resolution 56/509.  
85 G A resolutions 56/509, paras. 2(a) and 2(c) (which refer to rules 30 and 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly); and 58/126, Annex para, B9.  
86 G A resolution 56/509, para. 2(a) (which refers to rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly).  
87 G A resolution 56/509, para. 2(b) (which refers to rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly).
21. As an attempt to enhance the authority and role of the General Assembly, measures were adopted to strengthen the President’s role and leadership by increasing available resources and personnel to the President, and by increasing the President’s public visibility, especially contact with media and civil society. The General Assembly also encouraged increased consultations between the President and the Secretary-General, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, and decided that the President, in consultation with Member States, the Secretary-General and former Presidents suggest agenda issues of global concern for the General Assembly’s general debate. In the Working Group on the Revitalization, several delegations highlighted the importance of continuity during the transition between elected Presidents, and of acquiring and cementing institutional memory.

22. During the period covered in this Supplement, the relationship and balance of roles between the Security Council and the General Assembly in matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security were discussed in deliberations of the Working Group on the Revitalization, the General Assembly, and the Security Council.

88 A/59/100, p. 78.
89 G A resolution 59/313, para. 3.
90 G A resolutions 55/285, Annex para. 22; 58/126, Annex para. 10; 59/313, paras. 3(b-d); 60/246, para. 9; and A/60/999, Annex paras. 10 and 11.
91 G A resolutions 60/286, Annex para. 16; and A/60/999, Annex para. 22.
92 G A resolution 57/300, para. 20.
93 G A resolution 60/286, Annex para. 6.
94 G A resolutions 60/286, Annex para. 6; and A/60/999, Annex para. 2.
96 A/60/999, para. 22.
23. The Assembly reaffirmed the primary role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, and recognized that the Council can take swift and urgent action in such matters, as envisaged by the Charter of the United Nations and in the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

24. In the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and during the discussions of the Working Group on the Revitalization, some Member States emphasized that the Security Council did not possess sole responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security, and suggested that the General Assembly enhance its examination and discussion of issues in this area.

25. In the Security Council discussions, some delegations acknowledged the Council as the primary, but not exclusive, forum to deliberate specific issues, such as the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question and other conflicts. The General Assembly could, however, make a decision if no agreement was reached on a specific issue by the Council. Other delegations suggested that the Assembly address general issues related to international peace and security, such as the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, the reduction of armaments, and peacekeeping operations, citing

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97 In G A resolutions 59/313, para. 2(b); and 60/286, Annex I, para. 1, specific reference was made to Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations.
98 In G A resolutions 59/313, para. 2(b); and 60/286, Annex I, para. 1, specific reference was made to rules 7 to 10 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly.
99 G A resolutions 59/313, para. 2(b); and 60/286, Annex I, para. 1.
100 A/60/999, para. 19; A/60/PV.48, p. 15; and A/62/PV.56, p. 13.
101 S/PV.5474, p. 31; S/PV.6017, pp. 11, 14 and 18; and S/PV.6017 (Resumption 1), pp. 6, 11 and 18.
102 S/PV.6017 (Resumption I), pp.9, 12, 16 and 17.
104 S/PV.6017, pp. 11, 14 and 18; and S/PV.6017 (Resumption 1), pp. 6, 11 and 18.
105 S/PV.5601, p.12.
how the Assembly is the legislative, transparent, representative, and the main deliberative body of the United Nations.

26. Discussions on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts, however, presented divergent views in the Security Council. Some delegations suggested that responsibility lies with the Council, while others called for shared competence between the Council and Assembly.

27. In Security Council discussions on natural resources and conflict, divergent views were expressed concerning the responsibility of the Council, the General Assembly, and the Economic and Social Council. Some speakers suggested that natural resources and conflicts are generally the prerogative of either the Council or the Assembly. Other speakers called for increased cooperation between United Nations bodies, with regional organizations and with governments. Delegations also called for a clear definition of natural resources and conflicts, and for a further investigation and discussion on the roles of international actors at different phases of a conflict.

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106 S/PV.6017, p. 11.
107 S/PV.5928, p. 2; and S/PV.6017, p. 11.
108 S/PV.6017 (Resumption 1), p. 5.
109 S/PV.5779, p. 20; and S/PV.6017, p. 11.
111 S/PV.5779, p. 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22 and 31.
112 S/PV.5779, p. 20, 23 and 24; S/PV.5795, p. 3; and S/PV.5928, p. 2.
113 S/PV.5705, pp. 8, 13, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 26, 29 and 36.
114 S/PV.5705, pp. 9, 10, 18 and 23; and S/PV.5705 (Resumption 1), pp. 2 and 3.
115 S/PV.5705, pp. 8, 13, 15, 20, 25, 27, 29-34; and S/PV.5705 (Resumption 1), pp. 2 and 3.
116 S/PV.5705, pp. 5, 6, 17, 18, 25, 30 and 31; and S/PV.5705 (Resumption 1), p. 11.
117 S/PV.5705, pp. 15, 23, 27, 29, 5, 6, 17, 18, 25, 30 and 31; and S/PV.5705 (Resumption 1), pp. 2 and 3.
118 S/PV.5705, p. 25.
119 S/PV.5705; The international actors mentioned included the bodies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, regional organizations, multinational corporations, international non-governmental organizations and national governments.
120 S/PV.5705, pp. 3-6, 8, 20, 24, 25, 31 and 32; and S/PV.5705 (Resumption 1), p. 4.