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1. The General Assembly shall receive and consider annual and special reports from the Security Council; these reports shall include an account of the measures that the Security Council has decided upon or taken to maintain international peace and security.

2. The General Assembly shall receive and consider reports from the other organs of the United Nations.

NOTE

1. Except for the cases described below, there were no changes in the application of this Article. From the twenty-fifth to the thirty-third sessions, the General Assembly dealt with the reports according to the standard procedure which was described in the *Repertory.*[1]

A. Reports of the Trusteeship Council

2. Until the thirtieth session, the Trusteeship Council submitted reports to the General Assembly and the corresponding item therefore appeared on the agenda of each regular session of the Assembly.

3. At the thirty-first session, however, inasmuch as the only remaining Trust Territory, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, was strategic territory for which the Trusteeship Council was required to report to the Security Council,[2] no report was submitted by the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly and, consequently, the item entitled "Report of the Trusteeship Council" was not included in the provisional agenda of that session. No report of the Trusteeship Council was submitted to the General Assembly at the thirty-second and thirty-third sessions.

B. Reports of the International Court of Justice

4. In 1968 the President of the International Court of Justice informed the Secretary-General that the Court had decided to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.[3] The Court subsequently reported annually to the General Assembly from the twenty-fourth to the twenty-ninth sessions.

5. However, by a telegram dated 3 July 1975, the President of the International Court of Justice informed the Secretary-General that the Court had decided not to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session, in view of the prevailing circumstances and, in particular, the necessity recognized by the Assembly of reducing the volume of United Nations documentation. The President added that full information regarding the work of the Court for the period 1974-1975 would be included in the *Yearbook* produced by the Registrar of the Court, which would appear in the autumn and as usual would be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly.

6. As from the thirty-first session, the International Court of Justice has renewed its practice of reporting to the General Assembly on a yearly basis.

C. Reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

7. Until the thirty-first session, the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with Article 98 of the Charter and rule 48 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, consisted of a comprehensive document, giving an account of all the aspects of the Organization's work, and of an introduction to that document, issued subsequently, shortly before the opening of the session, containing the views of the Secretary-General on major international issues. Inasmuch as the material covered in the main report was already available in other reports submitted to the General Assembly, it was decided that, in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication, the document containing the views of the Secretary-General (formerly referred to as the "Introduction") would become the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

8. The table listing the reports of the principal organs to the General Assembly and the relevant agenda items is given in the annex to the present note.[4]

NOTES

[1] See *Repertory*, vol. I, under Article 15, pp. 481-500.
[2] See also this *Supplement* under Article 83.
[3] See *Repertory, Supplement No. 4*, under Article 15.
[4] See also this *Supplement* under Articles 24, 85, 88 and 89.

ANNEX

Reports of principal organs to the General Assembly with the relevant agenda items

Reports of the Security Council		*Agenda item*
16 July 1969 to 15 June 1970	G A (25), Suppl. No. 2 (A/8002)	11
16 June 1970 to 15 June 1971	G A (26), Suppl. No. 2 (A/8402)	11
16 June 1971 to 15 June 1972	G A (27), Suppl. No. 2 (A/8702)	11
16 June 1972 to 15 June 1973	G A (28), Suppl. No. 2 (A/9002)	11

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Reports of the Security Council			
16 June 1973 to 15 June 1974	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 2 (A/9602)	11
16 June 1974 to 15 June 1975	G A (30),	Suppl. No. 2 (A/10002)	11
16 June 1975 to 15 June 1976	G A (31),	Suppl. No. 2 (A/31/2)	11
16 June 1976 to 15 June 1977	G A (32),	Suppl. No. 2 (A/32/2)	11
16 June 1977 to 16 June 1978	G A (33),	Suppl. No. 2 (A/33/2)	11
Reports of the Economic and Social Council			
Forty-eighth, resumed forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions	G A (25),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1)	12
Addendum—resumed forty-ninth session	G A (25),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/8003/Add.1)	12
Fiftieth and fifty-first sessions	G A (26),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/8403)	12
Addendum—resumed fifty-first session	G A (26),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/8403/Add.1)	12
Fifty-second and fifty-third sessions	G A (27),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/8703)	12
Addendum—resumed fifty-third session	G A (27),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/8703/Add.1)	12
Fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions	G A (28),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/9003 and Corr.1)	12
Addendum—second special session and resumed fifty-fifth session	G A (28),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/9003/Add.1)	12
Fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/9603)	12
Addendum—resumed fifty-seventh session	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/9603/Add.1)	12
Organizational session for 1975, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	G A (30),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/10003)	12
Addendum—resumed fifty-ninth session	G A (30),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/10003/Add.1)	12
Organizational session for 1976, sixtieth and sixty-first sessions	G A (31),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/31/3)	12
Addendum—resumed sixty-first session	G A (31),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/31/3/Add.1)	12
Organizational session for 1977, third special session, sixty-second and sixty-third sessions	G A (32),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/32/3)	12
Addendum—resumed sixty-third session	G A (32),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/32/3/Add.1)	12
Organizational session for 1978, first and second regular sessions of 1978	G A (33),	Suppl. No. 3 (A/33/3)	12
Addendum—resumed second regular session of 1978	G A (33),	Suppl. No. 3A (A/33/3/Add.1)	12
Reports of the Trusteeship Council			
20 June 1969 to 19 June 1970	G A (25),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/8004)	13
20 June 1970 to 18 June 1971	G A (26),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/8404)	13
19 June 1971 to 16 June 1972	G A (27),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/8704)	13
17 June 1972 to 22 June 1973	G A (28),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/9004)	13
23 June 1973 to 23 October 1974	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/9604)	13
24 October 1974 to 29 August 1975	G A (30),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/10004)	13
Reports of the International Court of Justice			
1 August 1969 to 31 July 1970	G A (25),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/8005)	14
1 August 1970 to 31 July 1971	G A (26),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/8405)	14
1 August 1971 to 31 July 1972	G A (27),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/8705)	14
1 August 1972 to 31 July 1973	G A (28),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/9005)	14
1 August 1973 to 31 July 1974	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/9605)	14
1 August 1974 to 31 July 1976	G A (31),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/31/5)	13
1 August 1976 to 31 July 1977	G A (32),	Suppl. No. 5 (A/32/5)	13
1 August 1977 to 31 July 1978	G A (33),	Suppl. No. 4 (A/33/4)	13
Reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization			
16 June 1969 to 15 June 1970	G A (25),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/8001 and Corr.1)	10
Introduction	G A (25),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/8001/Add.1)	10
16 June 1970 to 15 June 1971	G A (26),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/8401)	10
Introduction	G A (26),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/8401/Add.1)	10
16 June 1971 to 15 June 1972	G A (27),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/8701 and Corr.1)	10
Introduction	G A (27),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/8701/Add.1)	10
16 June 1972 to 15 June 1973	G A (28),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/9001)	10
Introduction	G A (28),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/9001/Add.1)	10
16 June 1973 to 15 June 1974	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/9601)	10
Introduction	G A (29),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/9601/Add.1)	10
16 June 1974 to 15 June 1975	G A (30),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/10001 and Corr.1)	10
Introduction	G A (30),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/10001/Add.1)	10
16 June 1975 to 15 June 1976	G A (31),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/31/1)	10
Introduction	G A (31),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/31/1/Add.1)	10
1 September 1977	G A (32),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/32/1)	10
Addendum—16 June 1977 to 15 June 1978	G A (32),	Suppl. No. 1A (A/32/1/Add.1)	10
12 September 1978	G A (33),	Suppl. No. 1 (A/33/1)	10