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Angola, Burundi, Nicaragua, Russian Federation and Syrian Arab Republic: revised draft decision

Improving the effectiveness of the work of the First Committee

The General Assembly, recalling its previous relevant resolutions, affirming that its rules of procedure permit the Main Committees to undertake organizational refinements to improve the effectiveness of their work, determined to continue its efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the work of the First Committee as a means of enhancing the role of the Assembly in promoting international peace and security, and welcoming the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country:¹

(a) Requests the Secretary-General to report, no later than 1 February 2020, on the compliance by the Government of the United States of America with its obligations under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,² in particular with regard to ensuring to all representatives of States Members of the United Nations, without exception, unfettered access to Headquarters, and the impact on the effectiveness of the work of the First Committee;

(b) Also requests the Secretary-General to report, before 1 March 2020, on his efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Agreement;

(c) Further requests the Secretary-General to report, in case of a lack of progress by 1 April 2020, on alternative venues for the session of the First Committee for 2020, including Geneva or Vienna, as well as the possible budget implications;

(d) Decides that, if the issues raised in paragraphs 165 (j) and (p) of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country are not resolved in a reasonable and finite period of time, the General Assembly shall consider convening the First Committee session for 2020 in Geneva or Vienna.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/74/26).*

² See resolution 169 (II).

