

sessions, consisting of five working days each, in 2016 and 2017, and that the Working Group should submit a report on its work, including possible substantive recommendations, before the end of the seventy-second session of the Assembly;

(b) To include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”.

### **3. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

#### **70/518. Increase in the membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>50</sup> taking note of the applications of six States Members of the United Nations for membership in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as noted in the report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-fourth session, held in Vienna from 13 to 24 April 2015,<sup>51</sup> by a recorded vote of 155 to none, with 16 abstentions,<sup>52</sup> decided to appoint those six Member States as members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.<sup>53</sup>

#### **70/519. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>54</sup>

#### **70/520. Question of Gibraltar**

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>55</sup> recalling its decision 69/523 of 5 December 2014:

(a) Urged the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar that are legitimate under international law, to reach, in the spirit

<sup>50</sup> [A/70/495](#), para. 17.

<sup>51</sup> [A/AC.105/1090](#), para. 10.

<sup>52</sup> The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:* None

*Abstaining:* Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Chad, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Yemen.

<sup>53</sup> See also decision 70/412.

<sup>54</sup> [A/70/498](#).

<sup>55</sup> [A/70/505](#), para. 33.

of the Brussels Declaration of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) Took note of the desire of the United Kingdom to continue with the trilateral Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar;

(c) Took note of the position of Spain that the trilateral Forum for Dialogue does not exist any longer and should be replaced with a new mechanism for local cooperation in which the people of the Campo de Gibraltar and Gibraltar were represented;

(d) Welcomed the efforts made by both parties to resolve current problems and to engage in a flexible and responsive form of dialogue between all relevant and appropriate parties, on an informal ad hoc basis, and that such efforts were aimed at finding common solutions and making progress on issues of mutual benefit.

### **70/521. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>56</sup> approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Fourth Committee for the seventy-first session of the Assembly as set out in the report of the Fourth Committee.<sup>57</sup>

### **70/522. Programme planning (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))**

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>58</sup>

## ***4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee***

### **70/540. Macroeconomic policy questions**

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>59</sup>

### **70/541. Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016**

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,<sup>60</sup> took note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-ninth special session,<sup>61</sup> which was held in Geneva on 26 November 2015, and the decision contained therein, and welcomed the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016.

### **70/542. Report of the Secretary-General on the International Day of Forests**

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 22 December 2015, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Day of Forests.<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>56</sup> [A/70/528](#), para. 5.

<sup>57</sup> [A/70/528](#).

<sup>58</sup> [A/70/529](#).

<sup>59</sup> [A/70/470](#).

<sup>60</sup> [A/70/470/Add.1](#), para. 20.

<sup>61</sup> A/70/15 (Part IV). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/70/15)*.

<sup>62</sup> [A/70/214](#).