

General Assembly Committees (GA1- GA2)

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UN main organs

The UN has 6 main organs – all were established in 1945 when the UN was founded.



General Assembly

Security Council

Economic and Social Council

Trusteeship Council

International Court of Justice

Secretariat

General Assembly (GA)

- Formed in 1945
- The main policymaking, deliberative and representative organ of the UN
- 193 Member States of the UN
- Annual session in September (General Assembly Hall, New York)
- Function: make **recommendations** to States on international issues



UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

1st

COMMITTEE

DISARMAMENT
AND
INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY



2nd

COMMITTEE

ECONOMIC
AND
FINANCIAL



3rd

COMMITTEE

SOCIAL,
HUMANITARIAN
AND CULTURAL



4th

COMMITTEE

SPECIAL POLITICAL
AND
DECOLONIZATION



5th

COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATIVE
AND
BUDGETARY



6th

COMMITTEE

LEGAL



Disarmament and International Security — Committee (GA1)

- Common issues: disarmament, threats to peace (production of nuclear weapons etc.), global challenges (situations in certain conflicted areas)
- Cooperates primarily with:
 - a. United Nations Disarmament Commission
 - b. United Nations Office on
Drugs and Crime
 - c. INTERPOL

Examples of topics discussed in GA1

1. **The Question of the Expansion of the common EU defence policy**
2. The conduction of Artificial Islands and Military Bases in international waters
3. Regulating the use of drones in active wars
4. **Responding to hybrid threats and asymmetric warfare**
5. Security challenges and regional co-operation in Eastern Mediterranean
6. The question of government digital surveillance of the population
7. The situation of the Exclusive Economic Zones [EEZ] in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea
8. **The question of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems**

Economic and Financial Committee (GA2)

- Common issues: **economic growth and development** (financing for development, sustainable development, eradication of poverty etc.), **special situations of nations**
- Cooperates primarily with:
 - a. International Monetary Fund
 - b. World Bank
 - c. World Trade Organization

Examples of topics discussed in GA2

1. The question of the importance of long-term investment in infrastructure
2. **The threat to economic growth caused by declining birth rates in developed countries.**
3. Implementing fiscal policies as a tool to combat economic inequalities
4. **Encouraging Member States to use the World Trade Organisation as a framework for trade negotiations**
5. Global economic implications of the extraction of natural resources in the arctic circle and disputed territories
6. Assessing the limitations of monetary policy as a financial stability method
7. **Encouraging structural reforms to reduce income inequality**
8. The issue of the use of tax havens by multinational corporation

GA Committees' Procedure in MUN Conferences

- Lobbying (drafting of resolutions)
- Debate of every resolution submitted in the committee
- Session of the General Assembly:
 - ALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES MERGED INTO ONE COMMITTEE
 - DEBATE ON ONE RESOLUTION PER COMMITTEE (CHOICE OF THE CHAIRS)
 - MODERATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (PGA) AND THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (DPGA)
 - BOTH ARE MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT IN MOST MUN CONFERENCES



ANY QUESTIONS?

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