

entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”.

**71/518. Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2017**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 5 December 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>45</sup> approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2017, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.<sup>46</sup>

**71/519. Programme planning (First Committee)**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 5 December 2016, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.<sup>47</sup>

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

**71/520. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2016, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).<sup>48</sup>

**71/521. Question of Gibraltar**

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),<sup>49</sup> recalling its decision 70/520 of 9 December 2015:

(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 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 position of Spain on this issue, including its proposal to start new discussions on the basis of the Brussels Declaration, and also took note of Spain’s presentation of a co-sovereignty offer before the Special Political and Decolonization Committee;

(c) Took note of the position of the United Kingdom on this issue, that is, the commitment never to enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another State against their freely and democratically expressed wishes, nor enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content;

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

(e) Took note of the position of Spain that the trilateral Forum for Dialogue did 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;

(f) Encouraged the United Kingdom and Spain to engage in a constructive and responsive manner, with all relevant and appropriate parties, in order to find common solutions and make progress on issues of mutual benefit.

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<sup>45</sup> [A/71/458](#), para. 5.

<sup>46</sup> [A/71/458](#).

<sup>47</sup> [A/71/459](#).

<sup>48</sup> [A/71/495](#).

<sup>49</sup> [A/71/502](#), para. 42.