

- (a) seven from the Afro-Asian group,
- (b) one from the East European group,
- (c) three from the Latin American group,
- (d) two from the Western European and Other Group (which includes Canada),
- (e) five from the permanent members of the Security Council.

The election of the President has the effect of reducing by one the number of Vice-Presidents from the region from which the President is elected.

MAIN COMMITTEES

The General Assembly deals with most of its work through seven main committees on which all members have the right to be represented. Although each member may be represented by only one person on each committee, each may assign advisers and experts to these committees. Upon the designation of the chairman of each delegation, the advisers and experts may act as members of the committee. Quorum is one-quarter of the members of each committee, but the presence of a majority of the members is required for a question to be put to a vote. Decision is by majority. (See Rules 98-134 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly)

The seven chairmen of the main committees are elected on the following pattern:

- (a) three from the Afro-Asian group,
- (b) one from the East European group,
- (c) one from the Latin American group,
- (d) one from the Western European and Other Group,
- (e) one to rotate every alternate year among representatives of groups (c) and (d).

The main committees are as follows:

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| FIRST COMMITTEE | - political and security questions (notably disarmament) |
| SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE | - political questions not discussed by the First Committee |
| SECOND COMMITTEE | - economic and financial matters |
| THIRD COMMITTEE | - social, humanitarian and cultural questions |
| FOURTH COMMITTEE | - Trusteeship Committee (including non-self governing territories) |
| FIFTH COMMITTEE | - administrative and budgetary questions |
| SIXTH COMMITTEE | - legal questions |

The General Assembly, as a rule, refers all questions on its agenda to one of the main committees, to a joint committee, or to an ad hoc committee established to consider the question. These committees then submit proposals for approval to a plenary meeting of the Assembly. Questions not referred to a main committee are dealt with by the Assembly itself in plenary meetings.