Seventy-fourth session
First Committee
Agenda item 98
General and complete disarmament

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:

(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, 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.

2 See resolution 169 (II).