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For those unfamiliar with United Nations documentation, the following may serve as a guide to the principal document symbols:

A/ refers to documents of the General Assembly, A/C. documents are those of six of its seven Main Committees, e.g., A/C.1/777 is a document of the First Committee, A/C.2/189 of the Second Committee. The symbol for documents of the seventh Main Committee, the Special Political Committee, is A/SPC/. A/AC documents are those of ad hoc bodies of the Assembly, e.g., A/AC.73/L.8 is a document of the Committee on South West Africa, the "L" denoting limited circulation.

DC/ refers to documents of the Disarmament Commission.


E/ refers to documents of the Economic and Social Council, E/AC. and E/C. documents are those of the Committees of the Council, e.g., E/AC.6/L.136 is a document of the Economic Committee, and E/C.2/L.20 a document of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. E/CN. documents are those of the Commissions of the Council, each of which also has its own number.

T/ refers to documents of the Trusteeship Council. T/COM. are communications; T/OBS., observations of the Administering Authorities on petitions, and communications; and T/PET., petitions.


Full citations are given for documents of the International Court of Justice.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, an autonomous inter-governmental body under the aegis of the United Nations, reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly. It submits reports, when appropriate, to the Security Council and notifies the Council whenever, in connexion with the Agency's activities, questions within the Council's competence arise. In particular, Article XII of the Agency's Statute requires the Agency's Board of Governors to report cases of non-compliance with the safeguards provisions of the Statute to the Security Council.