- The adopted provisional programme of work for 2015 also contains one **additional meeting for its thematic discussions** phase in order to address steady increase in the number of speakers, as mentioned before, bringing the total number of scheduled meetings for this phase from 11 to 12.
- Finally, allow me to raise an issue related to the planning of the "United Nations **summit** for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda", to be held from 25 to 27 September 2015. The General Assembly, in its decision 69/449 of 2 December 2014, decided that the First Committee is to begin its work on Friday, 2 October 2015. Subsequently, the same Assembly decided, in its resolution 69/244 of 29 December 2014 in connection with the said summit, that the "general debate of the General Assembly at its seventieth session will begin on 28 September 2015", which is Monday. Provided that the general debate lasts for the usual 6-7 days and will conclude during the weekend of 3-4 October 2015, it runs counter with the provision in resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997 that "The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate to a period that would overlap with the First Committee. Other Main Committees may face a similar issue.<sup>2</sup> I hope that this question will be addressed by Member States