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STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, the General Assembly decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
3. The Committee considered this item jointly with item 80 at its 22nd to 25th, 27th to 31st, 35th and 46th to 49th meetings, from 15 to 24 October, on 28 October and from 5 to 7 November 1980. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States, specialized agencies and observers on this item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/35/SR.22-25, 27-31, 35 and 46-49).
4. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/35/428).
5. At the 23rd meeting, on 17 October, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs introduced the document relating to the item.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/35/L.16

6. At the 46th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Sweden introduced and orally corrected a draft resolution (A/C.3/35/L.16) ^{1/} entitled "Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women", sponsored by Australia, Austria, Barbados, Bulgaria, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guyana, Iceland, Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Angola, Belgium, Burundi, Bhutan, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Italy, Liberia, Mongolia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.

7. At the 49th meeting, on 7 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including any distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also resolution 28 adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on 30 July 1980, ^{2/}

^{1/} Reissued for technical reasons.

^{2/} Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3), chap. I, p. 89.

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 3/

1. Expresses its great satisfaction that, since the adoption by the General Assembly of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in December 1979, 79 Member States have signed the Convention:

2. Notes with appreciation, in particular, that nine Member States have acceded to or ratified the Convention;

3. Invites all States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by signing and ratifying or acceding to it;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
