



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

DRAFT CONVENTION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In connexion with its consideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly, at the second part of its third regular session, had before it the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information.*
2. By resolution 277(III) the General Assembly, on 13 May 1949, approved the Draft Convention on the International Transmission of News and the Right of Correction. It also referred to its fourth regular session the Draft Convention on Freedom of Information together with the records of the debates on this subject in the Third Committee** and other organs of the United Nations. Further, the General Assembly was invited to give high priority to this item at its fourth session and to take into full consideration all the substantive amendments to the Draft Convention which had already been adopted by the Third Committee.
3. Lastly, the General Assembly resolved that the approved Draft Convention on the International Transmission of News and the Right of Correction should not be open for signature until the General Assembly had taken definite action on the Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
4. The Secretary-General will present a memorandum on the Draft Convention to the appropriate Committee of the General Assembly.

* E/CONF.6/79 (see also A/631).

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