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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 11.40 a.m.

Organizational and other matters (agenda item 2) (*continued*)

Draft Declaration on Prevention of Genocide (CERD/C/66/Misc.15) (document distributed in English only during the meeting)

1. **Mr. Shahi**, introducing the draft Declaration on Prevention of Genocide (CERD/C/66/Misc.15), said that the text was directly based on the proposals made by the United Nations Secretary-General in January 2004 at the Stockholm International Forum: Preventing Genocide; Threats and Responsibilities. By way of general introduction to the issue, he drew attention to his remarks made at the start of the thematic discussion on the prevention of genocide during the 1683rd meeting of the Committee.

2. **The Chairman** invited the members of the Committee to begin their discussion of the draft Declaration on Prevention of Genocide.

First and second preambular paragraphs

3. *The first and second preambular paragraphs were adopted.*

Third preambular paragraph

4. **Mr. Thornberry** proposed deleting the words “scores of” in the first line.

5. *The third preambular paragraph, as amended, was adopted.*

Fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs

6. *The fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs were adopted.*

Sixth preambular paragraph

7. **Mr. Thornberry** proposed deleting the word “preventive” in the third line.

8. *The sixth preambular paragraph, as amended, was adopted.*

Seventh preambular paragraph

9. **Mr. Thornberry** proposed replacing the word “unfolded” in the second line by “presented”.

10. *The seventh preambular paragraph, as amended, was adopted.*

Eighth and ninth preambular paragraphs

11. *The eighth and ninth preambular paragraphs were adopted.*

Tenth preambular paragraph

12. Following an exchange of views in which **Mr. Pillai, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Kjaerum, Mr. Tang, Mr. Calitzay, Mr. Valencia Rodriguez, Mr. Amir and Mr. de Gouttes** took part, a decision was taken to retain the text with a minor drafting change indicating that economic globalization had an adverse effect on disadvantaged communities in general and indigenous peoples in particular.

13. *The tenth preambular paragraph, as amended, was adopted.*

Eleventh preambular paragraph

14. *The eleventh preambular paragraph was adopted.*

Twelfth preambular paragraph

15. **Mr. Thornberry** proposed inserting the word “humanitarian” before “binding obligation” in the second line.
16. *The twelfth preambular paragraph, as amended, was adopted.*

Thirteenth preambular paragraph

17. **Mr. Avtonomov** proposed inserting the words “States parties” before “the Special Adviser”, since it was the States parties that were primarily responsible for taking measures to prevent genocide.
18. *The thirteenth preambular paragraph, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraph 1

19. **Mr. Thornberry**, supported by **Ms. Dah**, proposed that the name of the new Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide should be deleted. Thus, the Committee would merely welcome the appointment as such.
20. *Paragraph 1, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraph 2

21. *Paragraph 2 was adopted with a minor drafting change.*

Paragraph 3

22. **Mr. Thornberry** proposed replacing the word “will” in the sixth line by “intends to”.
23. *Paragraph 3, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraphs 4 to 10

24. *Paragraphs 4 to 10 were adopted.*
25. **The Chairman** said that the Committee would resume its discussion of the draft declaration at its next meeting.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.