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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Report of the Third Committee

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1. At its 1564th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1967, the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee agenda item 59, entitled "Freedom of Information:

- (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information;
- (b) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information".

The Committee discussed the item at its 1553rd meeting, on 15 December 1967.

2. At that meeting the Committee had before it: (a) a note by the Secretary-General dealing with the draft Convention on Freedom of Information (A/6658); (b) a note by the Secretary-General on the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information (A/6659); and a draft resolution (A/C.3/L.1519) submitted by Panama and Saudi Arabia.

3. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

The General Assembly,

Considering that because of its heavy agenda the Third Committee was unable to consider the draft Convention on Freedom of Information and the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information at the twenty-second session,

Reiterating that freedom of information forms an important part of the human rights and fundamental freedoms to the promotion of which the United Nations is dedicated,

Decides to take up at its twenty-third session the consideration of the item on freedom of information.
