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Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, at its 232nd plenary meeting held on 20 October 1949, decided to postpone further action on the draft Convention on Freedom of Information to the fifth regular session of the General Assembly and pending receipt of the draft International Covenant on Human Rights or a progress report thereon from the Commission on Human Rights (resolution 313 (IV)).
2. At its eleventh session, on the recommendation of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, the Economic and Social Council adopted, on 9 August 1950, resolution 306 B (XI) recommending to the General Assembly that it call upon the Governments of all Member States to refrain from interference with the reception of radio signals.
3. On the same date, the Council also adopted, on the recommendation of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, resolution 306 C (XI) concerning freedom of information and of the Press in times of emergency.
4. The General Assembly, at its 285th meeting held on 26 September 1950, referred to the Third Committee item 30 of the agenda "Freedom of Information", divided into the following sub-items:
  - (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Interference with radio signals (Economic and Social Council resolution 306 B (XI));
  - (c) Question of the freedom of information and of the Press in time of emergency (Economic and Social Council resolution 306 C (XI)).