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Chairman: Mr. Manfred LACHS (Poland).

AGENDA ITEM 63

Consideration, at the request of the Third Committee, of articles 4 to 11 of the draft convention on the nationality of married women (annex A of resolution 587 E (XX) of the Economic and Social Council, A/C.6/349, A/C.3/L.490 and Corr.1, A/C.6/L.372, A/C.6/L.374) (*concluded*)

1. Mr. PETRZELKA (Czechoslovakia) said that he had voted in favour of the amended draft resolution (A/C.6/L.374 and L.376) because it respected the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 684 (VII).
2. It would be unusual for two Committees to study, each on its own, part of a draft convention. Moreover, the Sixth Committee had not had sufficient time to examine eight articles with the care which they required in view of the exceptional importance of the question. Several of the articles in question would have to be amended because they were not fully in keeping either with the desired objectives or with the rules of international law.
3. Mr. SURJOTJONDRO (Indonesia) said that, although he had abstained from voting, it should not be inferred that his Government was indifferent to the problem to which the draft convention related. His delegation had followed the debates with the greatest interest, because its Government was at the moment drafting legislation relating to nationality which would define the status of married women.
4. Mr. VENKATARAMAN (India) explained that, although he had abstained, his Government was entirely favourable to the principles underlying the draft convention on the nationality of married women. The Indian Parliament was at the moment considering draft legislation relating to nationality, and the draft convention would be a valuable guide in its debates.
5. Mr. ROBINSON (Israel) said that he had logically been compelled to abstain and to refrain from influencing the vote, as his Government had not yet been able to complete its thorough examination of the draft convention.

Completion of Committee's work

6. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had exhausted its agenda.
7. Mr. JAMIESON (Australia), speaking also on behalf of the Canadian, Indian, New Zealand, Pakistani and United Kingdom delegations, Mr. SURJOTJONDRO (Indonesia), Mr. TABIBI (Afghanistan), Mr. STABELL (Norway), speaking also on behalf of the Danish and Swedish delegations, Mr. PEREZ PEROZO (Venezuela), Mr. TREJOS (Costa Rica), Mr. HORVAT (Yugoslavia), Mr. MAURTUA (Peru), Mr. TARAZI (Syria), U MYINT TOON (Burma), Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. RODIL MACHADO (Guatemala), Mr. BIHIN (Belgium), speaking also on behalf of the Netherlands and Luxembourg delegations, Mr. EL ERIAN (Egypt), Mr. PETRZELKA (Czechoslovakia), Miss MAÑAS (Cuba), Mr. BROKENBURR (United States of America), Mr. CASTAÑEDA (Mexico), Mr. ROBINSON (Israel), Mr. GALVAN (Dominican Republic), Mr. CARPIO (Philippines), Mr. AL-KHATIB (Saudi Arabia), Mr. NADIM (Iran), Mr. SEPULVEDA (Chile), Mr. COLLINS (Liberia), Mr. MIRAS (Turkey), Mr. CANAL RIVAS (Colombia), Mr. GABRE-EGZY (Ethiopia), Mr. SERRANO GARCIA (El Salvador) and Mr. GALLEGOS (Ecuador) paid a tribute to the Chairman for the able way in which he had conducted the debates. Thanks to his impartiality and his calm, the debates had always been marked by that dignity which was rightly expected of the General Assembly's Legal Committee. Nurtured at the austere sources of the law, the eminent professor had, with admirable courtesy and humour, succeeded in creating a happy climate of mutual confidence in place of the severe requirements of procedure.
8. They also congratulated the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur, whose eminent qualities reflected credit on the Committee, and they thanked the Legal Counsel, the Secretary of the Committee and other members of the Secretariat who had discharged their difficult duties successfully.
9. Mr. TAMMES (Netherlands) (Rapporteur) associated himself with the tribute paid to the Chairman, whose competence, authority and objectivity had made it possible to resolve so many delicate questions, and to the members of the Secretariat, whose help had been so valuable.
10. He undertook to speak for his colleagues in thanking the Chairman of the International Law Commission for the authoritative opinions which he had been kind enough to give to the Committee during the debates.
11. He also thanked the Committee members for the compliments they had paid him.
12. Mr. ALFONSIN (Uruguay) (Vice-Chairman) also associated himself with the tribute to the Chairman,

the praise for the Rapporteur and the thanks for the members of the Secretariat.

13. He also thanked the members of the Committee for their kind words concerning himself.

14. The CHAIRMAN said he had endeavoured to assist the Committee in its work, which he could not have done without the help of the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur and the Secretariat staff.

15. The members of the Committee had shown an admirable spirit of conciliation and justice during the debates. The Committee had been true to its task and to its reputation. It was particularly gratifying that the Committee had not held itself incompetent to consider

the Third Committee's request, because as the Legal Committee it had a special role and authority. It was to be hoped that the world would continue to call upon the jurists whenever delicate questions were at issue. The Sixth Committee should endeavour to ensure that the legal principles on which the United Nations was founded were given increasingly wider application.

16. He thanked the members of the Committee for the congratulations which had been addressed to him, and expressed the hope that they would be able to resume their work at the next session in an international atmosphere which would be even more favourable to the progress of the law.

The meeting rose at 1.5 p.m.

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