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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

Report of the Third Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2353rd plenary meeting on 19 September 1975, allocated to the Third Committee agenda item 79 entitled: "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance".
2. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/10148) containing background information on the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/L.2202

3. In connexion with the item, the Netherlands, Sweden and Uruguay submitted a draft resolution (A/C.3/L.2202) which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 3267 (XXIX),

"Noting that the Commission on Human Rights and its Working Group established for this purpose, have made some progress in elaborating a draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief,

"Noting also the intention of the Commission on Human Rights to accord priority to the elaboration of the declaration at its thirty-second session,

"1. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to submit through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a single 'draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief';

"2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled 'elimination of all forms of religious intolerance' with a view to assessing progress on the elaboration of the 'declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of the discrimination based on the religion or belief' and considering, completing and adopting if possible, the declaration."

4. The Committee, due to lack of time, could not consider the draft resolution. At its 2181st meeting, on 5 December 1975, on the proposal of the representative of the United Arab Emirates, the Committee decided to recommend that the item be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly to be considered with appropriate priority.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

5. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance"

and to consider it with appropriate priority.

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