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STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Status of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered this item jointly with item 91 at its 30th, 32nd to 37th, 49th and 54th meetings, on 2, 3, 5 to 9, 22 and 24 November. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/37/SR.30, 32-37, 49 and 54).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
  - (a) Status of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/349 and Add.1);
  - (b) Letter dated 11 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué and other documents of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Countries held in New York from 4 to 9 October 1982 (A/37/540).
4. At the 30th meeting, on 2 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/37/L.35

5. At the 49th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.35) entitled "Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women", sponsored by Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Bhutan and Cape Verde.

6. At the 54th meeting, on 22 November, before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Morocco made a statement regarding the position of her delegation.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 8).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

### Status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including any distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980 and 36/131 of 14 December 1981,

Noting that the Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention, 1/

1. Notes with appreciation the increasing number of Member States which have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
2. Notes further that an important number of Member States have signed the Convention;
3. Invites all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;
4. Welcomes the election on 16 April 1982 of twenty-three members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the fact that the Committee has already commenced its work;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the status of the Convention.

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1/ A/37/349 and Add.1.