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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 117: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (*continued*)

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.83, L.84 and L.85

1. **Ms. Pulido** (Venezuela), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.83, entitled “Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance”, A/C.3/56/L.84, entitled “Comprehensive implementation of the outcome of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance”, and A/C.3/56/L.85, entitled “Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”. The Group of 77 and China attached great importance to implementing the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.84 would strengthen the efforts of the international community in that regard. Draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.83 and A/C.3/56/L.85 were similar to resolutions adopted at the fifty-fifth session, but had been updated in the light of the Durban Conference. Draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.85 contained a series of measures to be taken by Member States to deal with new manifestations of racism. She expressed the hope that all three draft resolutions would be adopted by consensus.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.86

2. **Ms. Korneliouk** (Belarus), speaking on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation, introduced draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.86, entitled “Measures to be taken against political platforms and activities based on doctrines of superiority which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia, including, in particular, neo-Nazism”, and said that the draft resolution was similar to a resolution adopted at the fifty-fifth session. There had been much discussion of racial discrimination in 2001, culminating in the holding of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban. Racism lay at the root of intolerance and extremism and constituted a threat to international stability and security, the free

development of States and the provision of equal rights and freedoms to all citizens. She expressed the hope that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

3. **Mr. Shen** Guofang (China) asked whether there was a mistake in the symbol or date in the phrase “resolution 55/82 of 4 December 2001” in the twelfth preambular paragraph.

4. **Ms. Korneliouk** (Belarus) said that the phrase in question should read “resolution 55/82 of 4 December 2000” and would be corrected.

5. **The Chairman** appealed to all delegations to intensify their efforts to reach a positive outcome on the four draft resolutions.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.