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*President:* The Hon. Julian R. Hunte . . . . . (Saint Lucia)

*The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.*

## Reports of the Third Committee

**The President:** The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 105 to 117 and 12.

I give the floor to Mrs. Beatriz Londoño, Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, who, on behalf of the Rapporteur, Mr. Abdulla Eid Salman Al-Sulaiti of Qatar, will introduce in one intervention the reports of the Third Committee.

**Mrs. Londoño** (Colombia), Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee (*spoke in Spanish*): On behalf of the Rapporteur, Mr. Abdulla Eid Salman Al-Sulaiti of Qatar, I have the honour of presenting for the Assembly's consideration the following reports of the Third Committee on agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly.

Under agenda item 105, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 15 of document A/58/496 the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 106, entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family", the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 18 of part I of document A/58/497 the

adoption of one draft resolution. In paragraph 20 of part II of document A/58/497, the Third Committee also recommends the adoption of three draft resolutions and, in paragraph 21 of part II, of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 107, entitled "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing", the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 10 of document A/58/498 the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 108, entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 32 and 33 of document A/58/499 the adoption of six draft resolutions and one draft decision, respectively. I should also like to make a small correction to paragraph 29 of the report. At the end of the paragraph, the words "without a vote" should be added.

Under agenda item 109, entitled "International drug control", the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 11 of document A/58/500 the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 110, entitled "Advancement of women", the Third Committee recommends in paragraphs 43 and 44 of document A/58/501 the adoption of seven draft resolutions and two draft decisions, respectively.

Under agenda item 111, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality,

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development and peace for the twenty-first century”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 10 of document A/58/502 the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 112, entitled “Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 34 of document A/58/503 the adoption of six draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 113, entitled “Promotion and protection of the rights of children”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraphs 65 and 66 of document A/58/504 the adoption of four draft resolutions and one draft decision, respectively.

Under agenda item 114, entitled “Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 8 of document A/58/505 the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda items 115 (a) and 115 (b), entitled respectively “Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination” and “Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraphs 24 and 25 of document A/58/506 the adoption of two draft resolutions and one draft decision, respectively.

Under agenda item 116, entitled “Right of peoples to self-determination”, the Third Committee recommends in paragraph 25 of document A/58/507 the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under item 117 of the agenda, entitled “Human rights questions”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 5 of document A/58/508, the adoption of one draft decision. We would request that document A/58/325/Add.1 be added to the list of documents on that issue contained in document A/58/508.

Under agenda item 117 (a), entitled “Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 23 of document A/58/508/Add.1, the adoption of two draft resolutions and one draft decision, respectively.

I should like also to note that in paragraph 17, the Dominican Republic should be removed from the list of sponsors.

Under agenda 117 (b), “Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 131 of document A/58/508/Add.2, the adoption of 28 draft resolutions and one draft decision.

Under agenda item 117 (c), entitled, “Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 57 of document A/58/508/Add.3, the adoption of four draft resolutions and one draft decision.

In connection with agenda item 117 (d), entitled “Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”, no action was taken.

Under agenda item 117 (e), entitled “Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 6 of document A/58/508/Add.5, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 12, entitled “Report of the Economic and Social Council”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of document A/58/509, the adoption of two draft decisions.

I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute — on behalf of the Rapporteur, the representative of Qatar, Abdullah Al-Sulaiti — to our Chairman, Ambassador Martin Belinga-Eboutou of Cameroon, for having guided the work of the Third Committee.

I should like also to thank the members of the Bureau who shared in this work. We would like also to extend our gratitude to members of the secretariat of the Third Committee for their cooperation and support throughout our work.

**The President:** If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee which are before the Assembly today.

*It was so decided.*

**The President:** Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Third Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once — that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation’s vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.”

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Third Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Third Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. This means that, where recorded votes or separate votes were taken, we will do the same. I should also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Third Committee.

## **Agenda item 105**

### **Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/496)**

**The President:** The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 15 of its report. The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted* (resolution 58/130).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 105?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 106**

### **Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/497, part II)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 20 of its report and on one draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 21 of the same report. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their votes.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Cooperatives in social development”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted* (resolution 58/131).

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled “Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution II was adopted* (resolution 58/132).

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled “Policies and programmes involving youth”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution III was adopted* (resolution 58/133).

**The President:** We now turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 21 of the report. The draft decision is entitled “Report on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004”. May I take it that the Assembly

wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 58/530).*

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 106?

*It was so decided.*

#### **Agenda item 107**

##### **Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing**

###### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/498)**

**The President:** The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. The draft resolution is entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing".

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 58/134).*

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 107?

*It was so decided.*

#### **Agenda item 108**

##### **Crime prevention and criminal justice**

###### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/499)**

**The President:** The Assembly will take a decision on the six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 32 of its report and on a draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 33 of the same report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention

against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 58/135).*

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled "Strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that it is the Assembly's wish to do likewise?

*Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 58/136).*

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled "Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 58/137).*

**The President:** Draft resolution IV is entitled "Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 58/138).*

**The President:** Draft resolution V is entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 58/139).*

**The President:** Draft resolution VI is entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention

and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution VI was adopted* (resolution 58/140).

**The President:** We now turn to the draft decision entitled “Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice”.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted* (decision 58/531).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 108?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 109**

### **International drug control**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/500)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. The draft resolution is entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”.

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted* (resolution 58/141).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 109?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 110**

### **Advancement of women**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/501)**

**The President:** Before proceeding further, I should like to inform members that action on draft resolution VII will be postponed to a later date to allow time for a review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolution VII as soon as the report of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolutions I to VI, recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 43 of its report, and on the two draft decisions recommended by the Committee in paragraph 44 of the same report.

I give the floor to those representatives who wish to speak in explanation of vote or position before action is taken on the draft resolution.

**Ms. Molaroni** (San Marino): San Marino will join the consensus on the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, as we did in the Third Committee. We are proud to announce that we deposited the instruments of ratification of the Convention on 10 December 2003, after the conclusion of the work of the Third Committee. Unfortunately, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly do not allow us to sponsor the draft resolution. Had that been possible, we would have done so.

**Mr. Fox** (United States of America): For the reasons given when the Third Committee considered what is now draft resolution IV on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the United States disassociates itself from the consensus.

**Ms. Gunnarsdóttir** (Iceland): With regard to draft resolution IV on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, my delegation has noticed a mistake in the reference to the resolution in the first line of the first preambular paragraph. The reference should be to resolution 57/178 of 18 December 2002.

**The President:** That intervention has been noted.

**Mr. Hof** (Netherlands): With regard to draft resolution VI, on the elimination of domestic violence against women, we would like to make two corrections to the text to reflect two revisions that were made before the adoption of the draft resolution in the Third committee. The first one relates to the last part of operative paragraph 3, where the words “where perpetrated or condoned by the State” should be replaced by “where condoned by the State”.

The second correction relates to paragraph 7 (m). The last two words, “and trafficking”, were deleted before the adoption of the resolution in the Third Committee.

**The President:** Those details have been noted.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Women and political participation”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted* (resolution 58/142).

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled “Violence against women migrant workers”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution II was adopted* (resolution 58/143).

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled “Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution III was adopted* (resolution 58/144).

**The President:** Draft resolution IV is entitled “Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women”, as orally corrected.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution IV, as orally corrected, was adopted* (resolution 58/145).

**The President:** Draft resolution V is entitled “Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution V was adopted* (resolution 58/146).

**The President:** Draft resolution VI is entitled “Elimination of domestic violence against women”, as orally corrected.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution VI, as orally corrected, was adopted* (resolution 58/147).

**The President:** We now turn to draft decision I, entitled “Recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination”.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision I as recommended by the Third Committee?

*Draft decision I was adopted* (decision 58/532).

**The President:** Draft decision II is entitled “Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the advancement of women”.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision II recommended by the Third Committee?

*Draft decision II was adopted* (decision 58/533).

**The President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

## **Agenda item 111**

**Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”**

### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/502)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. The

draft resolution is entitled “Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly”.

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted* (resolution 58/148).

**The President:** May I take it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 111?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 112**

### **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/503)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take action on the six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 34 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted* (resolution 58/149).

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled “Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution II was adopted* (resolution 58/150).

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled “Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution III was adopted* (resolution 58/151).

**The President:** Draft resolution IV is entitled “Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution IV was adopted* (resolution 58/152).

**The President:** Draft resolution V is entitled “Implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution V was adopted* (resolution 58/153).

**The President:** Draft resolution VI is entitled “Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I take it that that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution VI was adopted* (resolution 58/154).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 112?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 113**

### **Promotion and protection of the rights of children**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/504)**

**The President:** Before proceeding to the draft resolutions, I should like to inform members that action on draft resolution III is postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget

implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolution III as soon as the report of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolutions I, II and IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 65 of its report and on one draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 66 of the same report.

We now turn to draft resolution I, entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Central African

Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan

*Draft resolution I was adopted by 106 votes to 5, with 65 abstentions (resolution 58/155).*

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled "The girl child".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 58/156).*

**The President:** Draft resolution IV is entitled "Rights of the child". Separate votes have been requested on paragraph 26 (b) and on the words "corporal punishment" in operative paragraph 41 (c) in draft resolution IV.

Are there any objections to this request?

There are none. I shall put to the vote operative paragraph 26 (b) of draft resolution IV on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic,



Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Botswana, Guyana, Malaysia, Nigeria, Singapore, Tonga, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Guinea, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Emirates

*Operative paragraph 26 (b) was retained by 135 votes to 8, with 27 abstentions.*

**The President:** I shall now put to the vote the words "corporal punishment" in operative paragraph 41 (c) of draft resolution IV, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, United Republic of Tanzania

*Abstaining:*

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Myanmar, Oman, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tonga, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America

*The words “corporal punishment” in operative paragraph 41 (c) were retained by 129 votes to 4, with 31 abstentions.*

**The President:** I now put to the vote draft resolution IV as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic,

Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

United States of America

*Draft resolution IV was adopted by 179 votes to 1 (resolution 58/157).*

**The President:** One delegation has requested the floor in explanation of vote after the vote. I now give the floor to the representative of the United States.

**Mr. Fox** (United States of America): The United States would like to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the amendments we proposed to operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution II, entitled “The girl child”, during its consideration by the Third Committee.

**The President:** We now turn to the draft decision entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS”. May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 58/534).*

**The President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

#### **Agenda item 114**

#### **Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People**

##### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/505)**

**The President:** The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The draft resolution is entitled “International Decade of the World's Indigenous People”.

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted* (resolution 58/158).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 114?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 115**

### **Elimination of racism and racial discrimination**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/506)**

**The President:** The Assembly will take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 24 of the report and on the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 25 of the same report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "The incompatibility between democracy and racism".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted* (resolution 58/159).

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

A separate vote has been requested on operative paragraph 31 of draft resolution II. Is there any objection to the request? There is none.

I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 31 of draft resolution II, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon,

Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Armenia, Belarus, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Switzerland, Tuvalu, Ukraine

*Operative paragraph 31 of draft resolution II was retained by 115 votes to 44, with 13 abstentions.*

**The President:** I shall now put to the vote draft resolution II as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United

Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Israel, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Australia, Canada

*Draft resolution II as a whole was adopted by 174 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions (resolution 58/160).*

**The President:** The Assembly will now turn to the draft decision entitled "Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the elimination of racism and racial discrimination".

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 58/535).*

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 115?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 116**

### **Right of peoples to self-determination**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/507)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 25 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia,

Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Bhutan, India, Mauritius

*Abstaining:*

Andorra, Belarus, Belgium, Burundi, Colombia, Comoros, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America

*Draft resolution I was adopted by 109 votes to 3, with 61 abstentions (resolution 58/161).*

[Subsequently, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Lao People's Democratic

Republic informed the Secretariat that they had not intended to participate in the voting.]

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled "Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania,

Luxembourg, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Turkey, Uzbekistan

*Draft resolution II was adopted by 125 votes to 26, with 29 abstentions (resolution 58/162).*

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled “The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco,

Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States of America

*Draft resolution III was adopted by 169 votes to 5 (resolution 58/163).*

**The President:** I shall now call on those representatives who wish to speak in explanation of vote on the resolutions just adopted.

**Mr. Amorós Núñez (Cuba)** (*spoke in Spanish*): In relation to the resolution just adopted entitled “Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination” and contained in the report, our delegation wishes to say that it voted in favour, taking into account that the text enshrines this principle of the Charter of the United Nations and its universal implementation. The text does not assume its implementation in any particular way or relative to specific situations, which is why it had our support. For Cuba, the universal implementation of this principle is a reaffirmation of the Charter of the United Nations, which we cannot question.

We take this opportunity to reject any attempt to interpret the adopted text as being limited to or relating exclusively to any particular conflict situation. Our delegation does not share that interpretation and rejects it.

**Ms. Serazzi (Chile)** (*spoke in Spanish*): My explanation of vote relates to draft resolution I, which

we just adopted: “Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination”. My country voted in favour of that draft resolution on the basis of its traditional and resolute support for the decolonization process carried forward by the United Nations, in conformity with the provisions and purposes of the Organization’s Charter and with the principles enunciated in resolution 1514 (XV) and other General Assembly resolutions on that subject.

Chile, in its capacity as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, known as the Special Committee of 24 on decolonization, attaches particular interest to the satisfactory and final conclusion of that process. We are fully convinced that cooperation by all United Nations Member States will enable us to attain that objective. In that connection, Chile reiterates that it voted, specifically and solely, in favour of the principle of self-determination.

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 116?

*It was so decided.*

## **Agenda item 117**

### **Human rights questions**

#### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/508)**

**The President:** I have one request for explanation of vote before the vote. I give the floor to the representative of the United States.

**Mr. Fox** (United States of America): The United States understands that the General Assembly, in all of its decisions today to take note of reports of the Secretary-General, is doing so consistent with General Assembly decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001.

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 5 of its report. The draft decision is entitled “Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights”.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by

the Third Committee, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur?

*The draft decision was adopted* (decision 58/536).

**The President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

#### **(a) Implementation of human rights instruments**

##### **Report of the Third Committee (A/58/508/Add.1)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 23 of its report and on the one draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 24 of the same report.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted* (resolution 58/164).

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled “International Covenants on Human Rights”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution II was adopted* (resolution 58/165).

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled “International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution III was adopted* (resolution 58/166).

**The President:** The Assembly will now turn to the draft decision entitled “Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the implementation of human rights instruments”.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 58/537).*

**The President:** I have one request for explanation of vote after the vote. I give the floor to the representative of the United States.

**Mr. Fox** (United States of America): The United States would like to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the amendment we proposed to operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution II, entitled "International Covenants on Human Rights" during its consideration by the Third Committee.

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 117?

*It was so decided.*

**(b) Human rights questions, including the alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**Report of the Third Committee  
(A/58/508/Add.2)**

**The President:** In this connection, and at the request of the delegation of Ukraine, I wish to inform members that an addendum to the letter dated 7 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, transmitting the joint statement on the 70th anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine, has been circulated under the symbol A/C.3/58/9/Add.1 to announce additional signatories.

Before proceeding to the draft resolutions, I should also like to inform members that action on draft resolution XXVIII is postponed to a later date in order to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolution XXVIII as soon as the report of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

I have one request for explanation of vote before the vote.

**Mr. Mekel** (Israel): I would like to refer to item 117 (b) and the draft resolution on the elimination of

all forms of religious intolerance. I am obliged to inform the Assembly that Israel will be forced to abstain on a resolution that is central to its history and to its foundations as a modern State. We supported this very draft resolution in the Third Committee on the understanding that the draft resolution addressing the problem of anti-Semitism would be formally tabled in the General Assembly. Now, as no such draft resolution has in fact been tabled and no reference to anti-Semitism has been incorporated into the draft resolution, we have been left with no option but to abstain in the plenary and express our disappointment at the process that led to this result.

As a State created in the wake of the Holocaust, whose people are all too familiar with intolerance and discrimination, Israel supports without reservation the general message conveyed in this draft resolution and international efforts aimed at eradicating all forms of religious intolerance and related discrimination. Over the past 20 years, Israel has stood shoulder to shoulder with its United Nations counterparts in sponsoring this very draft resolution. But an alarming global escalation in anti-Semitic incidents in the intervening period demands a necessary and timely change to the annual text. As we debated this draft resolution last month, twin truck bombings killed 25 people and wounded more than 300 in two synagogues in Istanbul, Turkey. Near daily incidents of anti-Semitism in the Middle East, Europe and throughout other parts of the world demand our specific attention.

Israel regrets that the intention to present a special draft resolution to the General Assembly on the scourge of anti-Semitism did not materialize and that certain States chose to block the initiative. We continue to look towards the United Nations to show the way and issue a resounding moral condemnation of the cancer that is anti-Semitism. The Holocaust taught us that all that is needed for evil to prosper is for good people to do nothing. Do not let it be said that the United Nations stood in the way of what is so patently right.

**Mr. Hof** (Netherlands): At the 55th meeting of the Third Committee, on 24 November, my delegation made several revisions to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.66. Two of those revisions have not been included in draft resolution XIX, "In-depth study on all forms of violence against women", and I would like to point them out. They both relate to subparagraph (a) of the operative paragraph of the draft resolution. In



subparagraph (a), the words “including those outlined in the present resolution” should be deleted. Further on, the word “existing” before the word “research” should also be deleted.

**The President:** Those comments have been noted.

The Assembly will take a decision on draft resolutions I to XXVII, recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 131 of its report, and on a draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 132 of the same report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled “Human rights and cultural diversity”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 58/167).*

**The President:** Draft resolution II is entitled “Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 58/168).*

**The President:** Draft resolution III is entitled “Human rights and mass exoduses”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 58/169).*

**The President:** Draft resolution IV is entitled “Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 58/170).*

**The President:** Draft resolution V is entitled “Human rights and unilateral coercive measures”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,

the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Draft resolution V was adopted by 125 votes to 53 (resolution 58/171).*

**The President:** Draft resolution VI is entitled “The right to development”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan,

Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Israel, Palau, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Sweden

*Draft resolution VI was adopted by 173 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions (resolution 58/172).*

**The President:** Draft resolution VII is entitled “The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco,

Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Marshall Islands, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Australia, Czech Republic, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*Draft resolution VII was adopted by 174 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions (resolution 58/173).*

**The President:** Draft resolution VIII is entitled “Human rights and terrorism”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan,

Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Fiji, Israel, Japan, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic

*Draft resolution VIII was adopted by 120 votes to 42, with 18 abstentions (resolution 58/174).*

**The President:** Draft resolution IX is entitled “National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IX without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution IX was adopted (resolution 58/175).*

**The President:** Draft resolution X is entitled “Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution X without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution X was adopted (resolution 58/176).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XI is entitled “Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution XI was adopted (resolution 58/177).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XII is entitled “Declaration on the Rights and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution XII was adopted (resolution 58/178).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XIII is entitled “Access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican

Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

United States of America

*Draft resolution XIII was adopted by 181 votes to 1 (resolution 58/179).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XIV is entitled “Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

None

*Abstaining:*

Brunei Darussalam, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam

*Draft resolution XIV was adopted by 169 votes to none, with 8 abstentions (resolution 58/180).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XV is entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution XV was adopted (resolution 58/181).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XVI is entitled "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVI without a vote. May I take it the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution XVI was adopted (resolution 58/182).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XVII is entitled "Human rights in the administration of justice".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVII without a vote. May I take it the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution XVII was adopted (resolution 58/183).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XVIII is entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVIII without a vote.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

None

*Abstaining:*

Israel

*Draft resolution XVIII was adopted by 179 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 58/184).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XIX, orally corrected, is entitled "In-depth study on all forms of violence against women".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XIX, as orally corrected, without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution XIX, as orally corrected, was adopted (resolution 58/185).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XX is entitled "The right to food".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda,

Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Israel, Marshall Islands

*Draft resolution XX was adopted by 176 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions (resolution 58/186).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XXI is entitled “Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism”.

A single separate vote has been requested on operative paragraphs 10 and 11 of draft resolution XXI. Is there any objection to this request? There is none.

I shall put to the vote operative paragraphs 10 and 11 of draft resolution XXI, on which a single separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala,

Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

India

*Abstaining:*

Australia, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Israel, Kenya, Myanmar, Philippines, Rwanda, United States of America

*Operative paragraphs 10 and 11 were retained by 160 votes to 1, with 12 abstentions.*

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic informed the Secretariat that it had not intended to participate in the voting.]

**The President:** I now put to the vote draft resolution XXI as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

None

*Abstaining:*

India

*Draft resolution XXI as a whole was adopted by 181 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 58/187).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XXII is entitled "Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe



*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Uzbekistan

*Draft resolution XXII was adopted by 106 votes to 55, with 19 abstentions (resolution 58/188).*

**The President:** We now turn to draft resolution XXIII, entitled "Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and diversity of democratic systems in electoral processes as an important element for the promotion and protection of human rights".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan,

Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Sudan, Switzerland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan

*Draft resolution XXIII was adopted by 111 votes to 10, with 55 abstentions (resolution 58/189).*

[Subsequently, the delegation of Sudan informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

**The President:** Draft resolution XXIV, as orally corrected, is entitled "Protection of migrants".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XXIV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution XXIV, as orally corrected, was adopted (resolution 58/190).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XXV, as orally corrected, is entitled “Situation of human rights in Cambodia”.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XXV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution XXV, as orally corrected, was adopted (resolution 58/191).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XXVI is entitled “Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania,

Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, India, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Samoa, Singapore, Timor-Leste

*Draft resolution XXVI was adopted by 119 votes to 50, with 9 abstentions (resolution 58/192).*

**The President:** Draft resolution XXVII is entitled “Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania,

Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Singapore

*Draft resolution XXVII was adopted by 123 votes to 51, with 4 abstentions (resolution 58/193).*

**The President:** The draft decision is entitled "Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights questions, including alternative approaches for the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 58/538).*

**The President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17.

**Agenda item 117 (continued)**

**Human rights questions**

**(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

**Report of the Third Committee (A/58/508/Add.3)**

**The President:** Before proceeding to the draft resolutions, I would like to inform members that action on draft resolution II is postponed to a later date to allow for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolution II as soon as the report of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

The Assembly will take a decision on draft resolutions I, III and IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 57 of its report and on the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 58 of the same report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "Situation of human rights in Turkmenistan".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay

*Against:*

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia

*Draft resolution I was adopted by 73 votes to 40, with 56 abstentions (resolution 58/194).*

**The President:** We turn next to draft resolution III, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway,

Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Against:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, China, Colombia, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

*Abstaining:*

Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Dominica, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Suriname, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Zambia

*Draft resolution III was adopted by 68 votes to 54, with 51 abstentions (resolution 58/195).*

[Subsequently, the delegation of Suriname informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

**The President:** Draft resolution IV is entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

A separate vote has been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph of draft resolution IV, as well as a single separate vote on operative paragraphs 3 (b) and 6 (e). Are there any objections to those requests? There are none.

I shall now put to the vote the fourth preambular paragraph of draft resolution IV, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela

*Against:*

Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia,

Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*The fourth preambular paragraph of draft resolution IV was retained by 89 votes to 3, with 75 abstentions.*

**The President:** I shall now put to the vote operative paragraphs 3 (b) and 6 (e) of draft resolution IV, on which a single separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela

*Against:*

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Grenada, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of),

Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Yemen, Zimbabwe

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia

*Operative paragraphs 3 (b) and 6 (e) of draft resolution IV were retained by 73 votes to 49, with 44 abstentions.*

[Subsequently, the delegation of Turkmenistan informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.]

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution IV as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal,

Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela

*Against:*

Rwanda, Uganda

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

*Draft resolution IV as a whole was adopted by 81 votes to 2, with 91 abstentions (resolution 58/196).*

**The President:** We turn now to the draft decision entitled "Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted* (decision 58/539).

**The President:** I shall now call on those representatives who wish to speak in explanation of vote on the resolutions just adopted.

**Mr. Fox** (United States of America): The United States would like to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the amendment we proposed to operative paragraph 6 (g) of resolution 58/196, entitled “Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, during its consideration by the Third Committee.

**Mrs. Serazzi** (Chile) (*spoke in Spanish*): My explanation of vote is related to draft resolution III, “Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran”. In the previous draft resolutions submitted on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile abstained, having valued the efforts of President Khatami and his Government to improve Iran’s situation. However, my country deplors the violent death of Ms. Zahra Kazemi — the main reason for the submission of the draft resolution — and we hope that the judicial system can resolve that matter shortly.

In addition, we carefully reviewed the reports of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on its visit to that country in February, and we welcome the incentive of the standing invitations extended recently by the Government of Iran. However, such visits should be seen as means and not an end. In other words, once the supervision mechanisms enter the country, the authorities should cooperate so that such visits can take place in complete transparency, so as to ensure that the recommendations are fully implemented. That is why Chile fervently hopes that conditions will be established in the Islamic Republic of Iran that will provide for the full enjoyment of human rights on its territory.

In the coming months, the Government of Chile will follow closely the development of the situation in Iran, which will affect our future position in that regard.

**The President:** We have heard the last speaker in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 117.

**(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

**Report of the Third Committee  
(A/58/508/Add.4)**

**The President:** May I take it that the Assembly takes note of the report of the Third Committee?

*It was so decided* (decision 58/540).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 117?

*It was so decided.*

**(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**Report of the Third Committee  
(A/58/508/Add.5)**

**The President:** The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The draft decision is entitled “Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights”.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted* (decision 58/541).

**The President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 117?

*It was so decided.*

**Agenda item 12 (continued)**

**Report of the Economic and Social Council**

**Report of the Third Committee (A/58/509)**

**The President:** The Assembly will take a decision on the two draft decisions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of its report.

Draft decision I is entitled “Organization of the work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005”.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision I recommended by the Third Committee?

*Draft decision I was adopted (decision 58/542).*

**The President:** Draft decision II is entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision II recommended by the Third Committee?

*Draft decision II was adopted (decision 58/543).*

**The President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

*The meeting rose at 5.10 p.m.*