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Promotion and protection of human rights: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Third Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session, under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”, the sub-item entitled “Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action” and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Third Committee held a general discussion on the sub-item at its 18th and 19th meetings, on 21 October 2008. An account of the Committee’s discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/63/SR.18 and 19).
3. For the documents before the Committee under this sub-item, see A/63/430.
4. At the 18th meeting, on 21 October, the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/63/SR.18).
5. At the same meeting, the representatives of Algeria and the Russian Federation posed questions and made comments to the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner (see A/C.3/63/SR.18).
6. No action was taken by the Third Committee under this sub-item.

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in six parts, under the symbol A/63/430 and Add.1-5.

