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DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, as a matter of high priority, in accordance with Assembly resolution 32/136 of 16 December 1977.
2. At its 4th and 5th plenary meetings, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
3. The Committee considered this item at its 6th, 72nd and 73rd meetings, held on 29 November and 8 December. The views expressed by representatives of Member States on this item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/33/SR.6, 72 and 73).
4. In connexion with item 75, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Working Group of the Whole on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/C.3/32/L.59);
 - (b) Report of the Working Group of the Whole on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/C.3/33/L.47 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1).
5. At the 72nd meeting, on 8 December, the Rapporteur and Alternate Chairman of the Working Group of the Whole on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, established at the 6th meeting of the Committee, introduced the report of the Working Group of the Whole (see A/C.3/33/SR.72, paras. 1-7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/33/L.81

6. At the 73rd meeting, on 8 December, the representative of New Zealand introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/33/L.81) entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women", which was sponsored by Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Ecuador, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Hungary, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Spain, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zaire and Zambia, and subsequently also by Algeria, Australia, Austria, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Guyana, India, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Sweden.

7. The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement of the financial implications of the draft resolution.

8. At the same meeting, the draft resolution (A/C.3/33/L.81) was adopted without a vote (see para. 9 below).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/136 of 16 December 1977,

Reiterating its conviction that the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its entry into force will contribute to the implementation of the principal objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

Convinced also that the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its entry into force will contribute to the achievement of equality between men and women,

Taking into account the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Working Group of the Third Committee on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; 1/

1/ A/C.3/33/L.47 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1.

2. Recommends that a working group be established at the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly and be provided with adequate facilities to enable it to complete its task, to consider the final provisions of the draft Convention and reconsider the articles which have not yet been completed, with a view to the adoption of the draft Convention at its thirty-fourth session;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women".
