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the Sixth Committee under agenda item 120 concerning the drafting of an international convention against the taking of hostages. The recommendation of the Sixth Committee, adopted by consensus, is to be found in paragraph 8 of its report contained in document A/33/385. According to the terms of that draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the *Ad Hoc* Committee, as constituted, should continue, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 31/103, to draft at the earliest possible date an international convention against the taking of hostages and, in the fulfilment of its mandate, to consider suggestions and proposals from any State, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debate on this item at the thirty-third session of the Assembly. It would also request the *Ad Hoc* Committee to submit its report and to make every effort to submit a draft convention against the taking of hostages to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

2. I should like to express my sincere hope that the Assembly will adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee by consensus.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the report of the Sixth Committee.

3. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages", which has been recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report [A/33/385]. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/33/398. Since the Sixth Committee adopted this draft resolution by consensus, may I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 33/19).

4. The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Israel for an explanation of vote.

5. Mr. ROSENNE (Israel): My delegation did not take part in the discussion on this agenda item in the Sixth Committee, so I wish now, first of all, to associate my delegation with the resolution adopted by consensus a few moments ago. Our general policy towards the fruitful initiative taken by the Federal Republic of Germany a few years ago has been repeatedly placed on record here in earlier sessions. The fact that the General Assembly has been able once again to take this action by consensus is an encouragement. It is our sincere hope that the *Ad Hoc* Committee, whose mandate has now been renewed, will be able to complete its work in 1979 and to present us next year with a complete draft convention that will not be

President: Mr. Indalecio LIEVANO (Colombia).

In the absence of the President, Mr. Barton (Canada), Vice-President, took the Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 120

Drafting of an international convention against the taking of hostages: report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages

REPORT OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE (A/33/385)

1. Mr. OMAR (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee (*interpretation from Arabic*): I have the honour to present to the General Assembly the report of

festooned with irrelevancies and distortions such as have been suggested in some of the remarks appearing in that Committee's report and in the debate in the Sixth Committee.

6. In the course of the debate suggestions were made to the effect that certain undefined wars of national liberation and those conducting them under a self-awarded title of "liberation organization" should be exempt from the scope of the new convention. In this connexion, it has been further argued that the convention should apply only in time of peace and that in time of war and armed conflicts only the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949¹ and the Additional Protocols of 10 June 1977² to these Conventions should be applicable. I wish to make one brief comment on that idea at this stage.

7. Those instruments specifically prohibit the taking of hostages under all circumstances by all participants, and this includes those waging an armed conflict under the title of "liberation organization". Here it is enough for me to mention article 75 of Additional Protocol I of 8 June 1977. Inclusion of any idea such as this in the new convention could only have the harmful effect of opening it up to all sorts of new and at present unforeseen exclusions which would deprive it of all substance.

8. We also consider it essential that the new convention should contain explicit provisions to the effect that for the purposes of extradition any offence connected with the taking of hostages should not be regarded as non-extraditable on the ground of its being a political offence.

9. Having regard to paragraph 2 of the resolution just adopted by consensus, my delegation is confident that the *Ad Hoc* Committee will give full consideration to the views I have just expressed and to any further observations that my Government might wish to communicate to it.

AGENDA ITEM 61

United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/33/395)

AGENDA ITEM 67

Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator: reports of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/33/396)

10. Mr. THEOPHILOU (Cyprus), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour to present the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 61 and 67, contained in documents A/33/395 and A/33/396, respectively.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

² Document A/32/144, annexes I and II.

11. In paragraph 8 of document A/33/395 the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution. This draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

12. In paragraph 13 of document A/33/396 the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of two draft resolutions, both of which were adopted by the Committee without a vote.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee.

13. The PRESIDENT: The positions of delegations with respect to the recommendations contained in the reports of the Second Committee to the Assembly are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Committee.

14. We shall take up first the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 61 [A/33/395]. We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", which has been recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 33/20).

15. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to agenda item 67, concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator. The report of the Second Committee is contained in document A/33/396. The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report.

16. Draft resolution I is entitled "Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia". Since the Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote, may I take it that the General Assembly also adopts draft resolution I?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 33/21).

17. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt draft resolution II?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 33/22).

AGENDA ITEM 76

Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/33/383)

AGENDA ITEM 82

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights: report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/33/371)

AGENDA ITEM 85

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: report of the High Commissioner

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/33/378)

AGENDA ITEM 91

United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/33/379)

18. Miss RICHTER (Argentina), Rapporteur of the Third Committee (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to draw attention to paragraph 3 in each of the reports I have the honour to present today to the Assembly, so that delegations interested in examining the debates in the Third Committee can take into account the fact that the Committee decided to treat in a flexible manner agenda items that were more or less related. In accordance with that decision, which was taken at the 5th meeting of the Committee, several delegations dealt with several items together in their statements: that is, items 82, 81, 76, 73 and 74 on the one hand and items 78, 80, 87 and 91 on the other hand.

19. With regard to item 76, the Committee's report [A/33/383] contains in paragraph 9 the draft resolution recommended for adoption.

20. With regard to agenda item 82, the report [A/33/371] mentions in paragraph 4 the documents that the Committee had before it. The Third Committee recommends to the Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of the report.

21. With regard to item 85, the Committee's report [A/33/378] contains in paragraph 9 two draft resolutions which were adopted by the Committee without a vote. Draft resolution I refers to the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In connexion with draft resolution II, on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the representative of Sweden submitted to the sponsors at the 46th meeting of the Committee a proposed change involving the addition of a concluding phrase to operative paragraph 1. At the 57th meeting of the Committee, held on 27 November, the Chairman, upon request, declared that the draft resolution had been adopted as revised verbally by the representative of Sweden. Therefore the Assembly should take into account in taking a decision on draft resolution II that operative paragraph 1 should read as follows:

"Commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the efficient manner in which they continue to discharge their many responsibilities in assisting refugees and displaced persons and takes note with appreciation of the report of the High Commissioner, including the report of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme on its twenty-ninth session".

As is customary, there will be a foot-note to the paragraph I have just read out referring to the document mentioned, just as it appears in the first paragraph of the preamble.

22. As regards agenda item 91, "United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law", the Third Committee decided not to take any action in this connexion. The General Assembly is asked to take note of the report of the Committee [A/33/379].

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee.

23. The PRESIDENT: We shall take up first the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 76 [A/33/383].

24. I call on the representative of Ethiopia, who wishes to explain his vote before the voting.

25. Mr. BEKELE (Ethiopia): The Ethiopian delegation has fully outlined its position on agenda item 76 in the Third Committee. Socialist Ethiopia continues to be concerned by the ever-increasing assistance of the imperialist Powers in propping up the racist régimes in southern Africa. My delegation fully supports the draft resolution. I have asked to speak in order to indicate that it had been the intention of our delegation to sponsor that draft resolution, and we would like the record to reflect that fact.

26. The PRESIDENT: We shall now vote on the draft resolution entitled "Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa", which has been recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 9 of its report [A/33/383]. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Empire, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thai-

land, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Belgium, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, Luxembourg, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Liberia,³ Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden.

The draft resolution was adopted by 100 votes to 7, with 22 abstentions (resolution 33/23).⁴

27. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Turkey for an explanation of vote.

28. Mrs. DINÇMEN (Turkey): The Turkish delegation voted in favour of the draft resolution in view of the Turkish Government's categorical opposition to the policies of *apartheid*. My delegation cannot, however, approve the strong language used in certain paragraphs of the draft resolution.

29. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 82, concerning the importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights. The Third Committee's report is contained in document A/33/371. I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their votes before the voting.

30. Mrs. SAHGAL (India): I should like to thank you, Mr. President, for giving me this opportunity to explain my delegation's position before the vote on this important draft resolution on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination.

31. The main thrust of this draft resolution is towards emphasizing the importance of the universal realization of the right to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples. We fully support and agree with this emphasis. Nevertheless, my delegation will abstain in the vote on the draft resolution as a whole because its operative paragraph 15 takes note of document E/CN.4/Sub.2/405. That document is a report by Mr. Héctor Gros Espiell on the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the right of peoples under colonial and foreign domination to self-determination. Among the Territories where the right to self-determination has not yet been exercised, this report lists the State of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India.

³ The delegation of Liberia subsequently informed the Secretariat that it wished to have its vote recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

⁴ The delegations of the Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Pakistan and Sierra Leone subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

32. For that reason, we shall abstain in the forthcoming vote, having made it quite clear that our objection is not to the right of peoples under colonial and alien rule to self-determination but, rather, to the fact that the draft resolution takes note of a report in which an integral part of India is wrongly included among Territories where this right has not yet been exercised.

33. Mrs. DE BARISH (Costa Rica) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me this opportunity to explain my vote on this item which we believe to be of great importance.

34. As my delegation has repeatedly said on every occasion when we have participated in the discussion of item 82, we support all the efforts by the United Nations in the struggle for the exercise by all colonial peoples of the right to self-determination in implementation of resolution 1514 (XV), and by other peoples which are not colonial peoples but are not yet exercising the right to self-determination because the régimes under which they are living deprive them of that right.

35. Hence, we are able to vote for the principles and goals at the basis of the draft resolution adopted by the Third Committee and contained in paragraph 8 of document A/33/371. Nevertheless, we feel that the wording of some of the paragraphs of the draft resolution does not contribute to these goals since it reflects ideas that really do not belong in this text. In the first place, we are not certain of the usefulness of including the fifth paragraph of the preamble, relating to a conference not held under United Nations auspices. There is a paragraph in the preamble which refers to the Maputo and Lagos Conferences, both of which were held under United Nations auspices. The sixth paragraph of the preamble and operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution concern a situation on which very important and delicate negotiations are now taking place at the highest level; indeed, such negotiations have been taking place for several months and we hope that they will be crowned with success. We feel that it is neither timely nor realistic to include such paragraphs in the draft resolution now, because it gives the impression that we are absolutely disregarding what is currently taking place in the world. Moreover, we cannot support the reference in operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution to "armed struggle", because the United Nations was established precisely to seek peaceful solutions, thus endorsing the predominance of law over force. We also find the wording of operative paragraph 8 incorrect because it mentions by name an organization whose involvement in the facts referred to in the paragraph has not been proved, as has been recognized by the very proponents of the draft resolution.

36. With those reservations, we shall vote in favour of the draft resolution contained in the Third Committee's report. We express the hope that next year a more balanced and realistic approach will be taken to this item.

37. The PRESIDENT: I now put to the vote the draft resolution entitled "Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights", which has been recommended by the Third

Committee in paragraph 8 of its report [A/33/371]. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Chad, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Ivory Coast,⁵ Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, Portugal, Spain, Swaziland, Uruguay.

The draft resolution was adopted by 92 votes to 19, with 20 abstentions (resolution 33/24).⁶

38. The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives wishing to speak in explanation of vote after the vote.

39. Mr. VARGAS CAMPOS (Mexico) (*interpretation from Spanish*): The Mexican delegation wishes to place on record that we felt compelled to abstain in the vote on the draft resolution because it was not possible to vote separately on two operative paragraphs in which, in our view, statements are made which could have been worded more precisely.

40. Nevertheless, Mexico will continue to co-operate with the United Nations in all efforts to put an end to colonialism and promote the cause of self-determination for the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia, Palestine and South Africa.

41. Moreover, we deem it essential that measures be adopted prohibiting aggressive acts such as those which have

⁵ The delegation of the Ivory Coast subsequently informed the Secretariat that it wished to have its vote recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

⁶ The delegation of Mauritius subsequently informed the Secretariat that it wished to have its vote recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

occurred in Lebanon, which have resulted in a great loss of life among the civilian population, in flagrant violation of rules pertaining to armed conflicts laid down in various international instruments.

42. Mrs. DINÇMEN (Turkey): The Turkish delegation voted in favour of the draft resolution because the Turkish Government strongly supports the universal right of peoples to self-determination. My delegation, however, regrets that in certain provisions of the draft resolution unduly strong language is used. We would particularly like to reserve our position on operative paragraphs 6 and 8 of the draft resolution just adopted by the General Assembly.

43. Mrs. DE ARANA (Peru) (*interpretation from Spanish*): The delegation of Peru voted in favour of the draft resolution because it reaffirms the inalienable right of peoples to self-determination, independence and the full enjoyment of their natural resources, principles which Peru has always supported.

44. None the less, my delegation maintains the reservations it expressed in the Committee in connexion with operative paragraphs 2, 8 and 12 of that draft resolution.⁷

45. Mrs. DORSET (Trinidad and Tobago): The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago voted for the draft resolution because it supports very strongly the right of all peoples to self-determination. However, we believe that we must maintain the reservation which we expressed in Committee⁸ because we believe that the wording of the draft resolution should have reflected a more balanced position.

46. Mr. BARTLETT (Jamaica): The Jamaican delegation voted in favour of the draft resolution. My delegation, however, reiterates the position it took in the Third Committee⁹ and asks that the Assembly take note of this position.

47. Mr. HLA (Burma): My delegation voted in favour of the draft resolution, and we would like to reaffirm our position as expressed in the Third Committee, especially regarding operative paragraphs 6 and 12.¹⁰

48. The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn to the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 85 dealing with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [A/33/378]. We shall now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 9 of that document.

49. Draft resolution I is entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 33/25).

⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Third Committee*, 28th meeting, para. 100.

⁸ *Ibid.*, 29th meeting, para. 32.

⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 27.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 19.

50. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II with the change read out by the Rapporteur, so that operative paragraph 1 now reads:

"Commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the efficient manner in which they continue to discharge their many responsibilities in assisting refugees and displaced persons and takes note with appreciation of the report of the High Commissioner, including the report of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme on its twenty-ninth session".

51. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II, as revised in the way I have just indicated, without a vote.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 33/26).

52. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 91, entitled "United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law", contained in document A/33/379. I invite representatives to turn to the decision of the Third Committee in paragraph 6 of that report. May I consider that the General Assembly takes note of that decision?

It was so decided (decision 33/406).

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.