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President: Mr. Lazar MOJSOV (Yugoslavia).

AGENDA ITEM 32

Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

- 1. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now consider agenda item 32. Under this item draft resolution A/32/L.48 has been distributed. The administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution are contained in the report of the Fifth Committee [A/32/487].
- 2. The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/32/L.48 entitled "Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea". I have been informed that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt the draft resolution by consensus. May I take it that the Assembly adopts the draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 32/194).

AGENDA ITEMS 35 AND 36

International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/32/418)

3. Mr. CORREA (Mexico), Rapporteur of the First Committee (interpretation from Spanish): I have the honour to submit to the General Assembly the report on the work of the First Committee on agenda items 35 and 36 of the

present session of the General Assembly. The report will be found in document A/32/418.

- 4. The First Committee carried out a combined debate on the questions of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space and the preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting. The work of the First Committee on both questions has been summed up in a single report.
- 5. In that report the First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution I on the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, and a draft resolution II, comprising two draft resolutions on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. These draft resolutions will be found in paragraph 11 of the document I have just mentioned.

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

- 6. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report, document A/32/418.
- 7. Draft resolution I is entitled "Tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies". The First Committee adopted draft resolution I by consensus. May I consider that the General Assembly adopts draft resolution I?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 32/195).

8. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "International Co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space". We turn now to draft resolution II A. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/32/474. The First Committee adopted draft resolution II A by consensus. May I consider that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution II A?

Draft resolution II A was adopted (resolution 32/196 A).

9. The PRESIDENT: We come now to draft resolution II B. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

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In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Draft resolution II B was adopted by 110 votes to none, with 10 abstentions (resolution 32/196 B).

- 10. The PRESIDENT: Under operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of the resolution just adopted, the General Assembly decided to expand the membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space from 37 to 47 and has requested the President of the General Assembly, taking due account of the present membership of the Committee, to appoint the new members, not later than 31 January 1978, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution. I shall report to the Assembly on that matter in due course.²
- 11. We have concluded our consideration of agenda items 35 and 36, with the exception, of course, of the appointment of the additional members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Thus the Assembly has also concluded all the agenda items allocated to the First Committee. May I extend, on behalf of the General Assembly, my congratulations and thanks to the members of the First Committee present here in the Assembly hall for work well done.

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.

¹ The delegations of Cyprus and Portugal subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution. The delegation of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic subsequently informed the Secretariat that it wished to have its vote recorded as an abstention.

² See the 111th meeting, para. 11.