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**AGENDA ITEM 72**

Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1965 and reports of the Board of Auditors:  
(a) United Nations;  
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**REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/6477)**

**AGENDA ITEM 76**

Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (continued)\*:

(b) Committee on Contributions;  
(e) United Nations Staff Pension Committee

**REPORTS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/6471, A/6472)**

1. The PRESIDENT: The first two questions on the agenda of this meeting are agenda items 72 and 76 (b) and (e). I invite the Rapporteur, Mr. David Silveira da Mota of Brazil, to present the reports of the Fifth Committee on these items.

*Mr. Silveira da Mota (Brazil), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, presented the reports of that Committee and then spoke as follows:*

2. Mr. SILVEIRA DA MOTA (Brazil), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: In its report on the financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1965 and reports of the Board of Auditors [A/6477], the Fifth Committee has recommended the adoption by the Assembly of four draft resolutions: draft resolution A relates to the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year 1965 and related reports of the Board of Auditors; draft resolution B deals with the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year 1965; draft resolution C relates to the accounts for the financial year 1965 of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; and draft resolution D concerns the accounts of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the financial year 1965. The Fifth Committee trusts that these draft resolutions will meet with the General Assembly's approval.

3. The next report [A/6471] deals with a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Contributions and, in this connexion, the Fifth Committee has recommended a draft resolution to the Assembly concerning the appointment to membership in the Committee on Contributions of Mr. John I. M. Rhodes for a period ending on 31 December 1968.

\*Resumed from the 1424th meeting.

4. With reference to vacancies in the United Nations Staff Pension Committee the Fifth Committee has recommended [A/6472] a draft resolution which would appoint Mr. John I. M. Rhodes and Mr. Wilbur H. Ziehl to membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a period ending on 31 December 1967.

5. In each case the date of appointment will be the date of the General Assembly action on draft resolutions submitted by the Fifth Committee.

*Pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee.*

6. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will deal first with agenda item 72. Since no member of the Assembly wishes to explain his vote prior to the vote, we shall now vote on the four draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee [A/6477, para. 12].

*Draft resolutions A, B, C and D were adopted unanimously.*

7. The PRESIDENT: We shall now deal with agenda item 76 (b) and (e). The recommendation of the Fifth Committee concerning the vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Contributions is to be found in the report [A/6471, para. 5]. If there is no objection, I shall take it that the Assembly adopts the draft resolution contained in that paragraph.

*The draft resolution was adopted without objection.*

8. The PRESIDENT: The next report under this item concerns vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee [A/6472]. Unless I hear any objection, I shall take it that the Assembly adopts the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee [A/6472, para. 4].

*The draft resolution was adopted without objection.*

#### AGENDA ITEM 57

Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination:

- (a) Measures to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- (b) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/6484)

#### AGENDA ITEM 58

Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/6467)

#### AGENDA ITEM 95

Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories

#### REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/6483)

*Mrs. Ponce de León (Colombia), Rapporteur of the Third Committee, presented the reports of that Committee and then spoke as follows:*

9. Mrs. PONCE DE LEÓN (Colombia), Rapporteur of the Third Committee (translated from Spanish): First of all, I should like to point out that the three items on which we are submitting reports to the General Assembly deal with questions relating to racial matters. For this reason, apart from the fact that they are mutually complementary in themselves, the debates on each of them were also inter-related.

10. The discussion on the item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories", was not altogether free of emotion. There was insufficient understanding among delegations with respect to the conclusions and content of the draft resolutions, both in the informal consultations and in the Committee itself. Nor was there any agreement on the approach to the subject.

11. A number of delegations regretted the lack of that spirit of co-operation which should be displayed in regard to matters of universal interest, particularly matters relating to human rights. The defence of human rights is not the privilege of a few, but of every one, and every country represented here has both a sacred duty to improve what can be improved, and also the right to co-operate in the common cause and in promoting the welfare of all. Human rights are violated daily in many parts of the world, in different ways and by different means.

12. In contrast, when item 57 ("Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination") was being considered in the light of the discussion on the preceding item, the harmony and spirit of co-operation displayed by the different groups in their efforts to arrive at a text which would reflect the aspirations of all delegations even to the extent of making concessions in order to reconcile the different points of view were extraordinary. The report on this item is contained in document A/6484.

13. This item deals with the measures taken by States to eliminate discriminatory practices in pursuance of the Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, which was adopted in 1963 [resolution 1905 (XVIII)]. The annual report of the Secretary-General [A/6301] has described the serious efforts being made by certain Governments in the field of education and in adapting their national legislation to comply with the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination so that they will be able to ratify this instrument. The draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee for adoption by the General Assembly appears in the report [A/6484, para. 19].

14. The report of the Third Committee on item 58 ("Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance") is contained in document A/6467.

15. In the course of a brief exchange of views, the Committee came to the conclusion that it would not be necessary to continue discussing the item at future sessions of the General Assembly or to request further reports under resolutions 1779 (XVII) and 2019 (XX), since United Nations efforts in this area were of a permanent nature and the General Assembly would continue to receive relevant information on the matter. The draft resolution unanimously adopted by the Third Committee and recommended for adoption by the General Assembly appears in the report [A/6467,

16. The report of the Third Committee on item 95 ("Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories") appears in document A/6483.

17. During the debate on this item, which the Third Committee considered for the first time at the present session, there was a general condemnation of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in all countries, but especially and primarily of the policy of racial segregation and discrimination in Southern Rhodesia, in the territories under Portuguese administration and other dependent territories, and of the South African Government's policy of apartheid which, according to some speakers, is being extended by that Government to the dependent Territory of South West Africa. It was pointed out that even though an overwhelming majority of the peoples of the world has condemned these practices and demanded their total abolition, and even though the United Nations through a number of its competent bodies has repeatedly condemned these policies as contrary to the principles of the Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and notwithstanding the fact that the General Assembly and the Security Council have, in a number of resolutions, proposed measures to put an end to these practices, violations of human rights and racial segregation and discrimination continue to exist in many countries and dependent countries.

18. It was said that the situation in South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the territories under Portuguese administration, far from improving, was still deteriorating. Some speakers considered that the situation was a threat to international peace and security and that new and forceful measures should be taken to put an end to the situation, not only out of concern for human rights, but also to uphold the dignity and the authority of the United Nations.

19. Some representatives vigorously condemned the Government of the Republic of South Africa for having ignored the United Nations continued appeals for the cessation of these practices, and for having systematically flouted the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

20. They also stated that the attitude of certain great Powers which, regardless of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council, were still trading with South Africa, the illegal government of Southern Rhodesia and Portugal, was

not only not helping to eliminate these practices, but was actually promoting them. The decisions of the United Nations would be doomed to failure as long as those Powers supported by their actions what they professed in their statements to condemn.

21. Several speakers emphasized the need for Member States to comply strictly with the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

22. Draft resolutions A and B adopted by the Third Committee and recommended for adoption by the General Assembly appear in paragraph 59 of the report [A/6483].

23. The report of the Fifth Committee on the financial implications of draft resolution A, paragraph 13, is contained in document A/6485.

24. The PRESIDENT: Since no representative has asked to speak in explanation of vote, I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution relating to item 57 of the agenda [A/6484, para. 19].

*The draft resolution was adopted by 94 votes to 1.*

25. The PRESIDENT: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 57. The Assembly will now consider item 58 and vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee [A/6467, para. 9]. Since this draft was adopted unanimously in the Third Committee, may I take it that the General Assembly also adopts it unanimously?

*The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.*

26. The PRESIDENT: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 58. We turn now to item 95. Before proceeding to the vote on the draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee [A/6483, para. 59], I give the floor to the representative of Guinea who wishes to speak in explanation of vote.

27. Mrs. SOUMAH (Guinea) (translated from French): At this stage of our work, my delegation does not wish to delay the decision which we are about to take. It is hardly necessary for me to explain my delegation's vote, since Guinea is one of the sponsors of the draft resolutions which the Third Committee is submitting to the General Assembly. My delegation has already had an opportunity to state its position on this subject in the Third Committee. In the draft resolutions of the Third Committee, the Special Committee is entrusted with a number of tasks.

28. On behalf of the Special Committee, I should like to take this opportunity to assure the Assembly that it will do its best to carry out its new responsibilities. I should like to refer in particular to one paragraph of draft resolution A which requests the Secretary-General to establish a unit within the Secretariat to deal exclusively with the policies of apartheid. Some delegations have not concealed their apprehension that this may impair the independence of the Secretariat and the authority of the Secretary-General. I should like to reassure members of the Assembly that their fears are quite unjustified. The Special Committee has thoroughly examined this question, and has as a result decided to put forward some specific proposals. It considers that the creation of this unit will show that the United Nations is determined to eliminate apartheid. The head of the Guinean delegation has, on

behalf of the Special Committee, discussed this question with the Secretary-General and, as usual, they have reached complete agreement. We are particularly pleased that the establishment of this unit will not involve any expenditure or serious administrative difficulties. The Special Committee has always sought the Secretary-General's advice on the apartheid problem. It will therefore continue to consult him, and to respect his views.

29. The PRESIDENT: The Third Committee recommends the adoption of two draft resolutions [A/6483, para. 59]. I would like to draw the attention of the

Assembly to the report of the Fifth Committee on the financial implications of draft resolution A [A/6485]. We shall now proceed to the vote.

*Draft resolution A was adopted by 85 votes to 2, with 17 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution B was adopted by 83 votes to 1, with 20 abstentions.*

30. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has now concluded its consideration of agenda item 95.

*The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.*