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REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/9896)

1. Mr. von KYAW (Federal Republic of Germany), Rapporteur of the Third Committee: In its report on agenda item 53 (b) [A/9808/Add.1], concerning the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Third Committee recommends the adoption of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11 of its report. This draft resolution was adopted by the Third Committee by 100 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

2. By this action the General Assembly would express its appreciation of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as well as the expectation that the latter Committee would continue to play its important role within the framework of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination [resolution 2106 A (XX), annex] in eliminating all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

3. In paragraph 14 of its report on item 54 "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" [A/9893], the Third Committee recommends a draft resolution for adoption by the Assembly. The draft resolution was adopted in the Committee by 67 votes to 1, with 29 abstentions. It gives expression to the desire voiced in the debate by a considerable number of delegations to have the Commission on Human Rights actively pursue the elaboration of a draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief. The Assembly would request the Commission on Human Rights to submit to it at its thirtieth session a single draft declaration and the Assembly would decide to include the item in the agenda of the thirtieth session provided a single draft had been completed by the Commission on Human Rights.

4. With regard to operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, a number of delegations were of the opinion that, in view of the lack of progress so far achieved on this matter, the item ought to figure, in any case, on the agenda of the thirtieth session of the General Assembly

so as to give the General Assembly an opportunity to assess progress on the elaboration of a draft declaration.

5. The report of the Third Committee on item 56, concerning human rights and scientific and technological developments [A/9937] contains two draft resolutions recommended to the General Assembly for adoption [*ibid.*, para. 21]. The Committee adopted draft resolution I by 86 votes to none, with 8 abstentions. In the draft resolution, the Assembly would *inter alia*, request the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a programme of work with a view to undertaking the formulation of international standards in certain areas of human rights and scientific and technological development. The specialized agencies would be called upon to consider the preparation of recommendations in this regard. In the debate, delegations underlined the need for measures to protect the human rights of individuals and groups against the misuse of science and technology. Emphasis was also laid on making full use of science and technology for the development of countries.

6. In draft resolution II, the General Assembly would decide to defer further consideration of the draft declaration on the use of scientific and technological progress in the interests of peace and for the benefit of mankind, contained in paragraph 11 of document A/9937, until its thirtieth session and to take it up at that session as a matter of priority. The draft resolution was adopted in the Third Committee without a vote.

7. The report on item 57, on freedom of information [A/9934], contains a draft decision of the Third Committee recommending that the item be included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the General Assembly. In the debate, a number of delegations underlined the importance of a world-wide improvement in the exchange of information across frontiers as a necessary step towards eliminating prejudice and strengthening peace through better understanding. The debate centred on the need for a continuing dialogue on this subject on the principle of the free flow of information as such, on the qualification of this basic right, and on the extent to which it might be restricted.

8. The report of the Third Committee on item 58 [A/9938], concerning the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights contains a draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption; the Committee adopted the draft resolution by 102 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. In the draft resolution the General Assembly would express the hope that the three instruments would come into force in the near future and would invite all States to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights. With regard to the latter invitation, paragraph 8 of document A/9938 is of particular relevance.

9. As can be seen from paragraph 13 of the report in document A/9922, the Third Committee adopted two draft resolutions under item 59, entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees". Draft resolution I, concerning the activities of the

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the report of the High Commissioner [A/9612 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3] was adopted without a vote. Draft resolution II, on the elaboration of a draft Convention on Territorial Asylum, was adopted by 72 votes to none, with 25 abstentions.

10. In the debate, delegations expressed satisfaction with and support for the activities of the High Commissioner. The success of the airlift of stranded persons between Bangladesh and Pakistan was noted with appreciation. The need for further action and assistance, in particular with regard to displaced persons in Laos, Viet Nam, Cyprus and Africa, including the repatriation of refugees from Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, was recognized, as was the impact of events in Chile on the work of the High Commissioner in Latin America.

11. The High Commissioner and a number of delegations emphasized the importance of the function of the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection for refugees. Concern was expressed about cases of *refoulement*—the involuntary repatriation of refugees. It was emphasized that no refugee should be required to return to any country where he might face persecution. The erosion of the concept that the granting of asylum, as a peaceful and humanitarian act, cannot be regarded as unfriendly by any other States was also noted with concern. In that context, draft resolution II provides for the establishment of a group of governmental experts to review the text of the draft Convention on Territorial Asylum.

12. The report in document A/9935, on item 61, entitled "United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law", contains a draft decision recommending the inclusion of the item in the agenda of the thirtieth session of the General Assembly.

13. In paragraph 13 of its report on item 62, entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" [A/9917], the Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution. The Committee adopted the draft resolution by 85 votes to none, with 23 abstentions.

14. The debate in the Third Committee centred on the right of each State to adopt the economic and social system which it regards as appropriate for its development; the importance of internal democratic social and economic changes; the permanent sovereignty of every State over its riches, natural resources and economic activities; the question of nationalization; and the activities of transnational corporations. The debate found expression in the draft resolution now before the Assembly for adoption.

15. The report in document A/9894, on item 63, entitled "Unified approach to development analysis and planning", contains the recommendation of the Third Committee to defer consideration of that item until the thirtieth session of the General Assembly.

16. The report in document A/9896, on item 99, entitled "Question of the establishment, in accordance with the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, of a body to which persons claiming the benefit of the Convention may apply", contains a draft resolu-

tion which was adopted by the Committee by 35 votes to 11, with 59 abstentions. The draft resolution deals with the question of the establishment of an appeal authority for stateless persons, in accordance with article 11 of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness of 28 August 1961,¹ and requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees provisionally to undertake those functions. The final decision on this matter will be taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 53, 56 to 59, 61 to 63 and 99.

17. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now invite the Assembly to turn to part II of the report of the Third Committee on item 53 of the agenda, entitled "Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination" [A/9808/Add.1] and to take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of that report.

The draft resolution was adopted by 118 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 3266 (XXIX)).

18. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now consider the report of the Third Committee on item 54 of the agenda, entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" [A/9893]. An amendment has been submitted under this agenda item [A/L.753], and I call upon the representative of the Netherlands to introduce it.

19. Mr. SPEEKENBRINK (Netherlands): On behalf of the sponsors, I should like to introduce the amendment to the draft resolution in the report of the Third Committee on item 54 of the agenda. The amendment which my delegation sponsored, together with the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, seeks to replace the last operative paragraph of the draft resolution in the report with a slightly modified paragraph. The amendment is exactly the same as that submitted during the discussion in the Third Committee by the delegation of Pakistan and accepted by the delegations of the Netherlands and Sweden [*see A/9893, para. 10*] in place of their proposed amendment to the text of the draft resolution sponsored by the delegations of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR. That draft resolution, as appears from the report of the Third Committee on this question, served as the basis for the draft resolution which has been presented for approval by the Assembly today.

20. The submission of a subamendment by the delegation of Bulgaria to an amendment by the delegations of my country and Sweden to the original draft resolution sponsored by the delegations of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR, gave rise within the Third Committee to a protracted and difficult procedural debate. The delegation of Pakistan, in an attempt to assist in finding an acceptable solution for all, presented a new formulation for the last operative paragraph of the draft resolution. That formulation incorporated, in substance if not in words, the subamendment submitted by the delegation of Bulgaria to the amendment of the Netherlands and Sweden. In a spirit of compromise, the delegations of the Netherlands and

Sweden accepted the proposal of the delegation of the different points of view in a balanced and constructive manner.

21. However, the ensuing procedural debate prevented the proposal of the delegation of Pakistan, which had been accepted in a spirit of constructive compromise, from being put to the vote. It is for that reason that my delegation, together with many others, feels that the Assembly should be afforded the opportunity to express itself on the proposition submitted in the Third Committee by the delegation of Pakistan.

22. The fact that the sponsors have decided to submit this amendment in the plenary Assembly gives expression to the importance that they attach to the subject. My delegation is convinced that the elaboration of article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which guarantees the freedom of religion or belief, should not be delayed any further. In order to be able to assess the work done in this field by the Commission on Human Rights, it is therefore essential that this item remain on the agenda of the General Assembly.

23. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now call on those representatives who have asked to speak in explanation of vote.

24. Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*interpretation from Russian*): The Soviet delegation has already stated its position on this question in some detail during the consideration of this item in the Third Committee.² The Soviet delegation has been guided strictly by General Assembly resolution 3069 (XXVIII), which was adopted on the basis of consensus, and by Economic and Social Council decision 14 (LVI) taken by the Council at its fifty-sixth session.

25. The Soviet delegation is impelled to express its surprise and perplexity at the fact that certain delegations in the Third Committee, in violation of resolution 3069 (XXVIII) and the Economic and Social Council decision to which I have referred, have submitted a draft declaration for consideration at this session [*ibid.*, para. 5]. That draft declaration had not been considered by either the Commission on Human Rights or the Economic and Social Council. The Economic and Social Council decision provided that the Third Committee should simply consider ways and means to expedite the completion of a draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance.

26. The Soviet delegation therefore advocates a businesslike, constructive approach to the preparation of a draft declaration, and accordingly feels that, above all, it should be done by complying with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session [*resolution 3069 (XXVIII)*], pursuant to which the Commission on Human Rights would prepare a single draft declaration.

27. In the Third Committee the delegations of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR introduced in the light of General Assembly resolution 3069 (XXVIII), a draft resolution [*A/9893, para. 6*] that was discussed in considerable detail at certain meetings of that body.

28. I dispute what the representative of the Netherlands has just said. He claims that the Committee could not or did not wish to consider the proposal submitted by the representative of Pakistan. After lengthy procedural discussions, the Committee decided to adopt the draft resolution in the form in which it is now presented to the General Assembly.

29. I wish to emphasize that the delegations of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR accepted, in a spirit of compromise, several proposals made by other delegations. In the opinion of our delegation, the draft resolution now presented by the Third Committee is well balanced. This is confirmed by the fact that there were 67 votes in favour of it and only one against.

30. However, the delegation of the Netherlands has once again introduced an amendment that would alter in substance the draft resolution that was adopted by the Third Committee [*ibid.*, para. 14]. A new element in the amendment is the notion that at the next session the General Assembly should have a chance to carry out a review of the progress made in the elaboration of the declaration—that is, the progress that will have been made by then by the Commission on Human Rights.

31. During the discussion of this very item in the Third Committee, a number of delegations, including my own, emphasized that such a review can be made by the Third Committee as part of its consideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council. In this respect, we feel that there is no need at all for the amendment submitted by the delegation of the Netherlands, and the Soviet delegation will vote against it.

32. The representative of the Netherlands has confirmed this point: that the only purpose of the amendment is to keep the item on the agenda of the Third Committee. If representatives are truly interested in handling this matter in a businesslike, constructive way, there is not the slightest need to draw the Third Committee yet again into the debates which have already taken place at this session. Until a single draft declaration prepared by the Commission on Human Rights has been submitted, we feel that there cannot be any fruitful work done on the draft. A number of delegations have been trying to use this item on the agenda in order to have a general debate which has nothing at all to do with the drafting of the declaration.

33. The Soviet delegation considers that we should comply with earlier decisions, particularly General Assembly resolution 3069 (XXVIII). The amendment now proposed by the representative of the Netherlands is completely unfounded.

34. We shall vote against the amendment and, if the amendment is accepted, we shall not be able to vote in favour of the draft resolution of the Third Committee.

35. Mr. VELESKO (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) (*interpretation from Russian*): The item "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" was considered in some detail in the Third Committee, in even more detail than was called for by General Assembly resolution 3069 (XXVIII) or by the Economic and Social Council decision 14 (LVI), adopted by the Council at its fifty-sixth session.

36. This happened in the Committee because a certain group of delegations, having upset the consensus reached on this question at the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly, and having violated the decision of the Economic and Social Council whereby the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session would simply consider ways and means to expedite the completion of the draft declaration, tried to force the Committee to hold a discussion on the substance yet again. The representatives of the Netherlands and Sweden for this purpose introduced a draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief [*ibid.*, para. 5]. Several delegations claimed that this document would become the very basis of the work on the draft declaration by the Committee. However, these attempts to affect the course of events in the Committee violated the decisions of the Assembly and the Council. The majority of delegations in the Committee naturally disputed this approach.

37. The delegations of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR introduced a draft resolution which, in its revised form, takes into account the position of an overwhelming majority of States on this question. This text is now before the plenary Assembly for its consideration. Operative paragraph 3 reads:

“Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled ‘Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance’ with a view to considering, completing and adopting, if possible, a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, provided a single draft is completed by the Commission on Human Rights.” [*ibid.*, para. 14.]

38. The question seems perfectly clear. The Assembly has already taken certain decisions, authorizing its competent organ to proceed in this matter. The submission of the amendment in document A/L.753 is another attempt by the Netherlands and some other delegations to confuse the whole discussion of this matter. One can easily see, on reading the amendment, that its main purpose is to draw the Third Committee into another debate at the thirtieth session on the question of so-called religious intolerance and thus force the Committee to consider this matter to the detriment of other important matters, if the single draft is not submitted to the General Assembly by the thirtieth session.

39. The delegation of the Byelorussian SSR categorically opposes this way of proceeding. All problems, in our view, ought to be considered in the proper manner when the conditions have been duly fulfilled, that is, in this case, when the terms of resolution 3069 (XXVIII), which was adopted by consensus, have been complied with.

40. We wish to emphasize that the Third Committee considered the contents of the Netherlands amendment in detail and rejected it. It contains only one point not included in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution adopted by the Committee, and that is the provision that progress on the elaboration of the declaration should be assessed.

41. It is obvious to all delegations that an assessment of progress will be carried out as part of the con-

sideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the Assembly at its thirtieth session. So what is the point of the Netherlands amendment? In the opinion of the Byelorussian SSR the intention of the sponsors is to impose a debate on this matter on the Third Committee. Their intention is to violate the terms of resolution 3069 (XXVIII) again, and to compel the Committee to have a discussion of a new draft declaration, even without the submission of a draft by the Commission on Human Rights, thereby further diminishing the role of that competent organ of the United Nations.

42. In these circumstances, in which the draft resolution in the Third Committee was adopted by an overwhelming majority with only one negative vote, it is inadmissible that there should be another attempt to make the Committee reverse itself on a proposal that has already been considered and rejected.

43. My delegation will vote against the amendment contained in document A/L.753. Our negative vote should be understood as a vote in favour of compliance with previously adopted decisions and a constructive approach to the preparation of a draft declaration in the Commission on Human Rights.

44. Mr. PETROV (Bulgaria) (*interpretation from Russian*): The Bulgarian delegation will vote against the amendment in document A/L.753 introduced by the representative of the Netherlands. We entirely endorse the remarks made by the representatives of the Soviet Union and the Byelorussian SSR that this amendment violates a decision of the Economic and Social Council and runs counter to General Assembly resolution 3069 (XXVIII).

45. We propose that the following phrase be eliminated from the amendment: “with a view to assessing progress on the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and”. We therefore request a separate vote on the phrase that I have just quoted.

46. Mrs. TAKLA (Egypt) (*interpretation from Arabic*): The delegation of Egypt voted in the Third Committee in favour of this draft resolution because of its importance. The Netherlands amendment [A/L.753] proposes a review of the progress made in the elaboration of the declaration. That idea is of course acceptable as long as it is clearly understood that the General Assembly will not conclude the consideration of this item until the Commission on Human Rights has presented a single draft. Hence, we propose that the last phrase of the amendment should be replaced by the last phrase in the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee—that is, the phrase “provided a single draft is completed by the Commission on Human Rights”.

47. Mr. GRAEFRATH (German Democratic Republic): Last year the General Assembly entrusted the Commission on Human Rights with the task of elaborating a single draft of a declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance. That decision was preceded by an extensive discussion in the Third Committee, and many States submitted detailed observations in writing.

48. We therefore hold that the Assembly should now wait to see what results will be achieved from the

work of the Commission on Human Rights. There is no reason for undue haste at this stage, while the matter is being considered by the Commission on Human Rights, and there is no reason to take the matter away from that Commission again. Nothing reasonable can be expected from such a procedure.

49. For those reasons we believe that it would be right and in the interest of the consideration of the matter on its merits for the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" to be included in the agenda of the thirtieth session of the General Assembly only if the work of the Commission on Human Rights on the draft declaration has reached the stage where the Commission could present a single draft.

50. The delegation of the German Democratic Republic will therefore vote against the amendment in document A/L.753.

51. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) (*interpretation from French*): I asked to speak simply to support the small drafting change proposed by the representative of Egypt [*para. 46 above*]. I think that it would be in the interest of the sponsors for the sentence to be clearer. Hence, I agree that the last phrase should be replaced by the phrase "provided a single draft is completed by the Commission on Human Rights".

52. Mr. Alfonso MARTÍNEZ (Cuba) (*interpretation from Spanish*): In the Third Committee my delegation voted in favour of the draft resolution now recommended to the Assembly by that Committee. That text provides a way for the consideration of the item to be pursued in the future. In the light of the debate held in the Committee, it was obviously the best way to save the Committee's time in future years, pending the consideration and adoption of a single draft by the Commission on Human Rights.

53. The amendment submitted by the Netherlands and other States would result, if adopted, in the analysis of a text not yet elaborated by the Commission on Human Rights. That would surely give rise to a debate on a text not yet completed by an organ of the Economic and Social Council.

54. I therefore endorse the oral amendment of the representative of Bulgaria [*para. 45 above*]. If the amendment in document A/L.753 is adopted, we shall not be able to support the draft resolution as thus amended.

55. Mr. SPEEKENBRINK (Netherlands): The suggestion made by the representative of Egypt [*para. 46 above*] to replace the last phrase of the amendment by the last phrase of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee—that is, the phrase "provided a single draft is completed by the Commission on Human Rights"—is acceptable to my delegation and I believe to the other sponsors of the amendment also.

56. I should like to point out that the draft resolution that became resolution 3069 (XXVIII) was adopted last year in the Third Committee by consensus. Paragraph 4 of that resolution states that the Assembly

"Decides to include in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session the item entitled 'Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance' with a view to considering, completing and adopting, if possible, a

Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance."

In the Third Committee's discussion of the item this year, several ideas were put forward regarding the content of that paragraph. One element was presented in the form of a subamendment by the Bulgarian delegation—namely, that the General Assembly should complete the single draft of the declaration after it had been worked out by the Commission on Human Rights.

57. However, last year's consensus also provided that the item should be placed on the agenda of the twenty-ninth session, the next session, in order that the draft might be considered. In its decision, the Economic and Social Council also supported that idea when it recommended that the General Assembly seek ways and means of expediting the completion of the draft.

58. We therefore believe that the element we have added in the form of our amendment to the draft resolution—that is, assessment of the work done by the Commission on Human Rights—is the other part of last year's compromise and consensus, and, in that respect, we believe our amendment scrupulously follows the compromise arrived at last year.

59. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution in paragraph 14 of the report of the Third Committee [A/9893] and on the proposed amendment to that draft in document A/L.753.

60. Rule 90 of the rules of procedure provides that a draft amendment should be voted on first, then the draft resolution as amended, if amended.

61. A separate vote has been requested on the following words of the amendment proposed in document A/L.753: "with a view to assessing progress on the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and".

62. I call on the representative of Bulgaria on a point of order.

63. Mr. PETROV (Bulgaria) (*interpretation from Russian*): Mr. President, I am sorry to interrupt, but my idea was that we should vote on those words as an oral subamendment.

64. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I thank the representative of Bulgaria for his clarification. I agree that his proposal should be regarded as a subamendment.

65. Mrs. de BARISH (Costa Rica) (*interpretation from Spanish*): I am merely requesting a clarification. If this is a question of a subamendment to an amendment, then that subamendment would call for deletion of the words "with a view to assessing . . .". Is this what it means? If it is voted upon separately, that would mean something different; in other words it may lead to confusion. If the representative of Bulgaria is calling for the deletion of the words "with a view to assessing . . ." then let it be understood that this is the subamendment.

66. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): That is, indeed, the purpose of the Bulgarian subamendment. It calls for the deletion of the words:

“with a view to assessing progress on the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and”.

67. Mr. PETROV (Bulgaria) (*interpretation from Russian*): Mr. President, I fully agree with your interpretation of the Bulgarian oral subamendment. I have only one small comment. The words “with a view to” should remain in the text.

68. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Bulgarian subamendment, therefore, concerns the words: “assessing progress on the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and to”.

69. I call on the representative of the Netherlands on a point of order.

70. Mr. SPEEKENBRINK (Netherlands): I request a recorded vote on the subamendment.

71. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now put the Bulgarian subamendment to the vote. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Algeria, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Republic, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Khmer Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Central African Republic, Chad, El Salvador, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mauritius, Niger, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

The subamendment was rejected by 59 votes to 28, with 37 abstentions.

72. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The General Assembly will now vote on the amendment in document A/L.753. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines; Portugal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Republic, Mongolia, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Burma, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, El Salvador, Ehtiopia, Gambia, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

The amendment was adopted by 66 votes to 18, with 41 abstentions.

73. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The General Assembly will now vote on the draft resolution in document A/9893, as amended.

The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 160 votes to 1, with 24 abstentions (resolution 3267 (XXIX)).

74. I now invite the Assembly to consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 56, entitled “Human rights and scientific and technological developments” [A/9937]. The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report.

75. I shall first put to the vote draft resolution A.

Draft resolution A was adopted by 114 votes to none, with 10 abstentions (resolution 3268 (XXIX)).

76. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Before putting draft resolution B to the vote, I call on the representative of the Soviet Union on a point of order.

77. Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*interpretation from Russian*): On a technical point about draft resolutions A and B: these draft resolutions are different in substance and they ought to be presented as separate drafts. I have consulted the Rapporteur of the Third Committee on this point and he has no objection to the separate formulation of these draft resolutions.

78. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I can only confirm what the representative of the Soviet Union has just said. These are two separate draft resolutions, which will have different numbers.

79. I should like to remind the Assembly that the Third Committee adopted draft resolution B without a vote. If there is no objection, may I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 3269 (XXIX)).

80. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now invite the Assembly to consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 57, entitled "Freedom of information" [A/9934]. The Assembly will now vote on the draft decision appearing in paragraph 9 of the report.

The draft decision was adopted by 125 votes to none.

81. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now invite members of the Assembly to consider agenda item 58, entitled "Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights". The report appears in document A/9938.

82. Before the Assembly takes a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report, I should like to draw the attention of the Assembly to the reservation entered in paragraph 8 of document A/9938, which relates to operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution. May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of that understanding?

It was so decided.

83. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The General Assembly will now vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of document A/9938.

The draft resolution was adopted by 121 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (resolution 3270 (XXIX)).

84. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 59 [A/9922] on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

85. The General Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of document A/9922. I should like to remind the Assembly that draft resolutions I A and B relate to the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Third Committee adopted draft resolutions I A and B without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolutions I A and B were adopted (resolutions 3271 A and B (XXIX)).

86. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Draft resolution II relates to the elaboration of a draft Convention on Territorial Asylum. I shall now put draft resolution II to the vote.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 105 votes to none, with 21 abstentions (resolution 3272 (XXIX)).

87. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Under operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution just adopted, the Assembly has decided "to establish a Group of Experts on the Draft Convention on Territorial Asylum, composed of representatives of not more than 27 States, designated by the President of the General Assembly after consultation with the different regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution". The President of the General Assembly will undertake the necessary consultations and will report to the Assembly on the results of those consultations.

88. The Assembly will now turn to agenda item 61, entitled "United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law". The report of the Third Committee is contained in document A/9935 and the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee appears in paragraph 5 of its report. The Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft decision was adopted.

89. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The next report of the Third Committee is on agenda item 62, entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress", and is contained in document A/9917.

90. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) (*interpretation from French*): I am not speaking in explanation of vote; I should merely like to propose an amendment, if it is not too late. Morocco entered formal reservations with regard to operative paragraph 6 when we discussed the draft resolution. On behalf of Morocco I now wish to make the following proposal. I suggest that the following words be added at the end of operative paragraph 6: "without prejudicing the operational programmes prepared for the developing countries".

91. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The representative of Morocco has suggested an oral amendment to operative paragraph 6. May I take it that the Assembly agrees to that amendment?

The amendment was adopted.

92. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report [A/9917], as orally amended by the representative of Morocco. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius,

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Report of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*)*REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (PART II)
(A/9829/ADD.1)

97. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now consider part II of the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 12. This report appears in document A/9829/Add.1. An amendment to draft resolution III appears in document A/L.750.

98. Mr. von KYAW (Federal Republic of Germany), Rapporteur of the Third Committee: The Third Committee considered chapter V, section D, of the report of the Economic and Social Council [A/9603], entitled "Report of the Commission on the Status of Women", and adopted three draft resolutions, contained in paragraph 37 of document A/9829/Add.1; all three draft resolutions concern the International Women's Year, 1975.

99. The programme for the International Women's Year and the activities envisaged for that year, on the international as well as the national level, were the subject of a thorough debate in the Third Committee in which more than 70 delegations participated. Many delegations underlined the importance of the programme adopted for the International Women's Year as a means of promoting the equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities of women *de jure* and *de facto*, to secure the full integration of women and, in particular, of rural women in the development effort of their countries and to increase women's contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States. The interrelationship between the improvement of the status of women and the social, economic and political development of society was recognized. Many representatives referred to the actions being taken by their Governments to achieve the goals of the International Women's Year—equality, development and peace. Reference was made to the need to increase the participation of women in the secretaries of the various organs of the United Nations family.

100. Particular attention was given to the Conference of the International Women's Year, to be held in Mexico City, as the focal point of the Year and to the need for voluntary contributions to ensure the full success of the year. During the debate several Governments announced contributions to the fund for voluntary contributions established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI).

101. Draft resolution I entitled "International Women's Year" was adopted in the Third Committee without a vote. It calls for the implementation of the programme for the International Women's Year on the national, regional and international level and recommends certain specific measures to be taken on the national level and calls for contributions to the voluntary fund.

102. Draft resolution II entitled "Conference of the International Women's Year" was adopted by 111 votes to 2, with 1 abstention. The draft resolution aims at ensuring wide participation in the Conference

Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, 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, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 110 votes to none, with 17 abstentions (resolution 3273 (XXIX)).

93. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 63, entitled "Unified approach to development analysis and planning" [A/9894]. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft decision that appears in paragraph 6 of the report. I should like to remind the Assembly that this draft decision was not voted upon in the Committee. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision in like manner?

The draft decision was adopted.

94. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 99, entitled "Question of the establishment, in accordance with the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, of a body to which persons claiming the benefit of the Convention may apply" [A/9896]. The draft resolution recommended by the Committee appears in paragraph 8. I call on the representative of the Soviet Union, who wishes to explain his vote.

95. Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*interpretation from Russian*): The Soviet delegation voted against this draft resolution in the Third Committee and gave a detailed account of its reasons for doing so in the Committee. I shall not delay the Assembly by stating those reasons now. I just want to say that the Soviet delegation feels that adopting a decision establishing such a body before the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness¹ enters into force is unwarranted and premature. The Soviet delegation will accordingly vote against the draft resolution in the Assembly as well.

96. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now vote on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of document A/9896.

The draft resolution was adopted by 48 votes to 11, with 66 abstentions (resolution 3274 (XXIX)).

* Resumed from the 2278th meeting.

by all States and by the recognized national liberation movements. With regard to the invitation to all States to participate in the Conference, paragraphs 16 (d) and 17 of document A/9829/Add.1 are of relevance. In operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the Assembly would decide to consider the recommendations of the Conference of the International Women's Year at the seventh special session and the thirtieth session of the General Assembly.

103. Draft resolution III, entitled "Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year" was adopted without a vote. It takes up the important question of adequate preparation of the Conference. Under the provisions of the draft resolution, a consultative committee would be established to advise the Secretary-General on the preparation of an international plan of action to be finalized by the Conference. The Consultative Committee would be financed from the fund for voluntary contributions. In connexion with this draft resolution, the Committee has also recommended to the Assembly that the Chairman of the Third Committee should be invited, as an observer, to participate in the work of the Consultative Committee. The draft decision is contained in paragraph 38 of document A/9829/Add.1.

104. The Third Committee also considered chapter V, section B, of the report of the Economic and Social Council [A/9603], which deals with narcotic drugs. The Committee adopted two draft resolutions.

105. Draft resolution IV, entitled "Contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control", was adopted by 100 votes to none, with 11 abstentions. In this draft resolution, the General Assembly, noting the many useful programmes undertaken by the Fund, would appeal urgently to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the Fund.

106. In draft resolution V, entitled "Abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs", the General Assembly would call for more co-operation against abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs. The draft resolution refers specifically to unincised poppy cultivation and the use of the straw process for harvesting as one of the means of production which, under certain conditions, lends itself to more effective control of illicit traffic. In the debate, reference was also made to the necessity for all Member States to accede to the treaties on drug abuse control, including the Convention on Psychotropic Substances.³

107. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now call on the representative of Iran to introduce the amendment in document A/L.750.

108. Mr. SAYAR (Iran) (*interpretation from French*): I simply wish to introduce the amendment in document A/L.750 on the membership of the Consultative Committee which would be established in order to prepare for the Conference of the International Women's Year. The amendment would increase the number of Member States mentioned in operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution III from 18 to 22. There is however, a small change in the amendment itself. The figure should read "23" instead of "22". With the agreement of the regional groups and at their suggestion, it has been decided to grant one extra seat to each regional group, giving a total of 5 extra seats.

These 5 seats added to the 18 originally provided for bring the total number of seats to 23.

109. The amendment, therefore, raises the number of members of the Consultative Committee from 18 to 23. The new figure was decided on as a result of consultations between the Chairman of the Third Committee and the chairmen of regional groups, taking into account the views expressed by many delegations.

110. My delegation and the other sponsors felt that this new figure would meet with the approval of members of the Third Committee and would meet their concerns more fully. We therefore propose that the text of the resolution, as amended, should be adopted, as in the Third Committee, by consensus.

111. As far as the financial implications are concerned, many Governments have announced pledges to the fund for the International Women's Year. It seems that the total of these pledges is already more than enough to cover the expenses of the Consultative Committee.

112. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now call on those representatives wishing to make a statement either on the report of the Third Committee or on the amendment submitted by Iran, or to explain their vote on one or more of the five draft resolutions and the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee.

113. Mrs. PALTÍ (Israel): During the discussion in the Third Committee on the amendment by Egypt, which became operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution II submitted by the Third Committee, the Israel delegation gave its reasons⁴ for opposing the invitation to the national liberation movement recognized by the League of Arab States, namely, the PLO, to participate in the Conference of the International Women's Year. We cast a negative vote on that amendment and then on the draft resolution as a whole. In so doing, we repeated in the Third Committee the position which we have consistently adopted, as explained by our representative at the 2303rd plenary meeting, on 29 November.

114. In the meantime, and solely for the purpose of facilitating the work of the General Assembly now, I wish to state that if draft resolution II, submitted by the Third Committee in its report [A/9829/Add.1], is put to the vote, my delegation will continue to vote in the negative.

115. Mr. von KYAW (Federal Republic of Germany): As the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, not as Rapporteur of the Third Committee, I should like to state, with regard to the draft resolutions in document A/9829/Add.1 concerning the International Women's Year, that, as we did in the Economic and Social Council and in the Third Committee, we shall again vote for these resolutions dealing with the implementation of the programme for the International Women's Year, including the Conference, and we shall also vote in favour of the revised amendment in document A/L.750.

116. In its statement in the Third Committee on the item now before us,⁵ my delegation stressed the particular attention the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is giving to assure the success of

the International Women's Year on the national level within the Federal Republic of Germany. We referred specifically to the activities planned and the preparations already under way in the Federal Republic of Germany.

117. In addition, my Government will fully participate in the activities envisaged on the international level and in particular in the Conference of the International Women's Year Conference to be held as the focal point of the Year. In compliance with the appeal contained in draft resolutions I and III now before the Assembly for adoption, my Government has decided to make a special contribution to the fund for voluntary contributions for the International Women's Year in the amount of DM50,000, or approximately \$20,000, for the implementation of the Programme for the International Women's Year, 1975 [*Economic and Social Council resolution 1849 (LVI), annex*].

118. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now vote on draft resolutions I to V and on the draft decision, contained in paragraphs 37 and 38 of document A/9829/Add.1, and also on the amendment to draft resolution III. After all these draft resolutions have been voted on I shall call on representatives wishing to explain their vote after the vote.

119. Draft resolution I is entitled "International Women's Year". This draft resolution was adopted in the Third Committee without a vote. May I assume that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 3275 (XXIX)).

120. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution II, entitled "Conference of the International Women's Year".

Draft resolution II was adopted by 124 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions (resolution 3276 (XXIX)).

121. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now proceed to draft resolution III, entitled "Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year".

122. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution III is in document A/9887. I understand that the expansion of the membership proposed in the amendment [A/L.750] to this draft resolution would not involve extra appropriations as these expenses would be met by voluntary contributions.

123. I shall first, in accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, put to the vote the amendment in document A/L.750 as revised by the representative of Iran to read "23" members. The Assembly will then vote on draft resolution III, whether or not it has been amended. I shall now put the amendment in document A/L.750 to the vote.

The amendment was adopted by 127 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

124. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now vote on draft resolution III as amended.

Draft resolution III, as amended, was adopted by 125 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (resolution 3277 (XXIX)).

125. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution that we have just adopted establishes a Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year composed of not more than 23 Member States designed by the Chairman of the Third Committee after consultation with the different regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

126. I understand that the consultations held by the Chairman of the Third Committee have been completed successfully. I shall now read out the membership of the Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year. It is as follows: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France, the German Democratic Republic, India, Iran, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, the Niger, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Tunisia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and Venezuela.

127. The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution IV entitled "Contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control".

Draft resolution IV was adopted by 113 votes to none, with 13 abstentions (resolution 3278 (XXIX)).

128. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V, on abuse of and illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 3279 (XXIX)).

129. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now invite the General Assembly to consider the recommendation in paragraph 38 of document A/9829/Add.1. The Third Committee adopted this decision without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft decision was adopted.

130. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now call upon those representatives who wish to explain their votes on the items which the General Assembly has been considering this morning.

131. Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*interpretation from Russian*): I wish to express the views of the Soviet delegation regarding the "all States" formula in draft resolution II, which the Assembly has just adopted [A/9829/Add.1, para. 37]. The point of view of the Soviet delegation was expressed in its statement at the 2303rd meeting of the General Assembly [*see para. 87 of that meeting*] at which the report of the Sixth Committee on agenda item 88 was considered; it applies to the participation of all States in international conferences and international agreements. I confirm that the view expressed earlier by the Soviet representative obtains now in respect of the application of the "all States" formula by the Secretary-General to the participation of States in international conferences and agreements: that is, the formula should not be used in a restrictive way, but should help the Secretary-General to involve all States in international conferences and international agreements.

132. Mr. TRAVERT (France) (*interpretation from French*): On the subject of the "all States" clause, my delegation, on behalf of the nine countries of the European Economic Community, would like to reiterate support for the interpretation given by the Chairman at the conclusion of the debate in the Third Committee,⁶ in line with precedent, and included in the report of the Committee [A/9829/Add.1, para. 16].

133. Regarding draft resolution II in document A/9829/Add.1, on the Conference of the International Women's Year, in particular operative paragraph 2, the vote of my delegation in favour of the draft resolution should not be interpreted as recognition of the representative character of the groups of individuals purporting to speak for people in French Territories.

134. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) (*interpretation from French*): I should like to explain my delegation's vote on agenda item 63, "Unified approach to development analysis and planning". The Assembly has decided to defer consideration of the matter until next year, but I should like to state for the record that we believe that it should be assigned to the Second Committee and not to the Third Committee.

135. Mr. SINARINZI (Burundi) (*interpretation from French*): For reasons beyond my control, I was not

in the room when the Assembly voted on the draft resolution in document A/9808/Add.1 [*see para. 17 above*]. Had we been here we should have voted in favour of the draft resolution, and I should like that to appear in the records.

136. Mr. WIGGINS (United States of America): My delegation, like those for whom the representative of France was speaking in his statement [*para. 132 above*], supports the procedure followed by the Chairman of the Third Committee as set forth in document A/9829/Add.1. It is our understanding that that procedure will be followed in choosing members of delegations to conferences.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.

NOTES

¹ A/CONF.9/15, 1961.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Third Committee, 2092nd meeting, paras. 4-9.*

³ E/CONF.58/6 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Third Committee, 2079th meeting, para. 8.*

⁵ *Ibid.*, 2073rd meeting, paras. 55-58.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 2079th meeting, para. 33.