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Chairman: Mrs. Turkia OULD DADDAH (Mauritania).

# **AGENDA ITEMS 62 AND 92**

- Education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Secretary-General (concluded) (A/7603, chap. IX, sect. I; A/7662, A/C.3/ L.1660/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1 and Rev.1/Add.1, A/C.3/L.1661/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1, A/C.3/L.1664, A/C.3/L.1665)
- The problems and needs of youth and its participation in national development (concluded) (A/7603, chap. VIII, sect. C and chap. XI, sect. I; A/7680/Rev.1, A/C.3/613, A/C.3/L.1660/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1 and Rev.1/Add.1, A/C.3/L.1661/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1, A/C.3/L.1664, A/C.3/L.1665)

## CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (concluded)

1. Miss CAO-PINNA (Italy) announced that her delegation was withdrawing the second of its amendments (A/C.3/L.1664) to the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/L.1660/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1).

2. Mr. AL-JABIRI (Iraq) proposed as a sub-amendment to the revised Algerian amendment (A/C.3/L.1661/Rev.1) that in sub-paragraph (a) the words "exercise of their right of self-determination, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations" should be replaced by "process of decolonization, liberation and selfdetermination in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions".

3. Mr. PARDOS (Spain) said that the Iraqi representative's proposal was acceptable to his delegation, which would therefore withdraw its own sub-amendment (A/C.3/L.1665).

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4. Mr. SHERIFIS (Cyprus) said that, in the light of suggestions made in the course of the discussion, the sponsors of the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/ L.1660/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1) had decided to make some further changes in the text. In accordance with the suggestion made by the representative of the United Arab Republic, the words "colonialism" and "apartheid" in paragraph 4 of part A would be replaced by "colonialism, racism, apartheid and similar policies". In paragraph 2 of part B, as suggested by the representative of Venezuela, the words "in order to" would be deleted and the word "formulate" would be replaced by "in formulating"; similarly, in paragraph 3 the word "especially" would be inserted before the word "during". The Jamaican representative's suggestion that in paragraph 5 of part B the words "equality of opportunity" should be replaced by "equal and increased opportunities" had also been accepted.

5. The sponsors considered that the formulation of paragraph 5 of part A should remain unchanged. Paragraph 1 of part A reaffirmed the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2447 (XXIII). That resolution contained a request for the organization of seminars on the education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, which had not yet been met. It was the understanding of the sponsors that that request referred in particular to world-wide seminars and that it retained its full validity and should be implemented as soon as the opportunity arose. It was on the basis of that understanding that the inclusion in the draft submitted at the current session of a recommendation concerning regional seminars was considered advisable, and it did not replace but merely added to what had been previously stated in resolution 2447 (XXIII).

6. He thanked the representative of Italy for withdrawing her second amendment (A/C.3/L.1664, para.2) and wondered whether, since the objective underlying the first amendment would be difficult to achieve, she might be willing to withdraw that proposal also.

7. Miss CAO-PINNA (Italy) said she regretted that she could not withdraw her first proposal. General Assembly resolution 2445 (XXIII) had actually been adopted before resolution 2447 (XXIII), by a near-unanimous vote, and she failed to see why a proposal to mention it should not now command support.

8. Mr. IDDIR (Algeria) accepted the Iraqi oral subamendment and announced that the Congo (Brazzaville), Guinea, Mali and Zambia had become co-sponsors (A/C.3/ L.1661/Rev.1/Add.1) of his amendment (A/C.3/ L.1661/Rev.1), as revised accordingly. 9. Mr. CUESTA (Ecuador) said that, although the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/L.1660/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1), as further revised orally, would not be adequate to deal with all the problems involved, it was essential to achieve contact with youth; with that consideration in mind, his delegation would be happy to become a co-sponsor.

10. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to vote on the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/L.1660/Rev.1) and Rev.1/Corr.1), as further revised orally (see para. 4 above), and the amendments thereto. She said that the sponsors of the revised draft resolution had been joined by Austria, Ecuador and Nicaragua (A/C.3/L.1660/Rev.1/Add.1).

The preamble was adopted by 71 votes to none.

The Italian amendment to paragraph 1 of part A (A/C.3/L.1664, para. 1), was adopted by 36 votes to none, with 43 abstentions.

Paragraph 1 of part A, as amended, was adopted by 71 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 of part A, was adopted by 98 votes to none.

At the request of the Algerian representative, the vote on the five-Power amendment to part A (A/C.3/L.1661/Rev.1and Rev.1/Add.1), as orally revised, was taken by roll-call.

Honduras, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela. Yugoslavia, Zambia, Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina. Australia, Austria, Barbados. Belgium. Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Congo (Brazzaville), Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana.

Against: Portugal.

Abstaining: Israel, Ivory Coast, Nicaragua, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Congo (Democratic Republic of).

The amendment (A/C.3/L.1661/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1), as orally revised, was adopted by 89 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions.

The original paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of part A, as orally revised, were adopted by 89 votes to none.

Part B, as orally revised, was adopted by 87 votes to none.

The revised draft resolution (A/C.3/L.1660/Rev.1) and Rev.1/Corr.1 and Rev.1/Add.1) as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 92 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

11. Mr. ASCENSAO (Portugal) said that he had had to abstain from voting on the draft resolution as a whole because of the political motivation of the five-Power amendment.

#### Mrs. Sipilä (Finland), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

12. Mr. SANON (Upper Volta) said that, had his delegation been present during the voting, it would have voted for the amendments and for the draft resolution as a whole.

13. Mr. ALLAGANY (Saudi Arabia) said that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution and had welcomed the inclusion in it of the five-Power amendment. He could not agree with those who felt that the subject of decolonization was irrelevant to the work of the Third Committee. Decolonization had been referred to in all the instruments adopted by the Committee and should continue to be referred to in each and every document and resolution until it finally disappeared altogether

## **AGENDA ITEM 48**

# Draft Declaration on Social Progress and Development (A/7235 and Add.1 and 2, A/7648)

14. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the Committee had held a general debate on the item at the preceding session, had adopted the title, the preamble and part I of the draft Declaration on Social Progress and Development and had decided to insert the word "article" before each paragraph of the operative parts.<sup>1</sup> That being so, representatives might wish to dispense with a general debate at the current session and proceed immediately to consider parts II and III, paragraph by paragraph. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/7648), which contained the text of parts II and III of the draft Declaration, as prepared by the Commission for Social Development and submitted by the Economic and Social Council (A/7648, annex II).<sup>2</sup> The Committee also had before it the comments received from Member States on the draft Declaration (A/7235 and Add.1 and 2).

15. Mr. PAOLINI (France), supported by Mr. SANON (Upper Volta) and Miss CAO-PINNA (Italy), agreed that there was no need for a general debate but felt that part II should be discussed as a whole before being considered paragraph by paragraph, since the substantial changes made in part I at the preceding session would require a corresponding substantial rearrangement of part II. His delegation for one intended to submit amendments designed to group together some of the ideas of part II.

16. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) and Mrs. BEGMATOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) also agreed on the desirability of dispensing with a general debate, but said they saw no reason why delegations could not make their comments on part II paragraph by paragraph.

<sup>1</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 50, document A/7374.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5, annex I.

17. Mr. BABAA (Libya) requested the reissue of document A/7161, which contained the texts of amendments submitted to the draft Declaration by members of the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fourth session.<sup>3</sup>

18. The CHAIRMAN noted that there seemed to be no support for a general debate. It might be well to allow delegations time to submit their amendments to part II before deciding whether to begin by discussing that part as a whole or paragraph by paragraph.

The meeting rose at 4.55 p.m.

<sup>3</sup> E/AC.7/L.535, E/AC.7/L.538-540, E/AC.7/L.543, E/AC.7/L.544.