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- (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/7200/Rev.1, chap. III; A/C.4/714, A/C.4/ 716, A/C.4/L.917 and Add.1, A/C.4/L.921);
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/7301, A/C.4/714, A/C.4/716, A/C.4/L.917 and Add.1, A/C.4/L.921)

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/L.917 AND ADD.1 (continued)

1. Mr. ESTRADA (Argentina) said that his Government's position on the draft resolution before the Committee (A/C.4/L.917 and Add.1) followed from the fact that the relations between the United Nations and the specialized

agencies and IAEA were not uniform. Under Articles 57 and 63 of the United Nations Charter, those relations were based on the agreements concluded between each agency and the United Nations. The agreements in question could be classified in three groups, the first comprising agreements concluded with agencies, like UNESCO, the ILO, FAO, ICAO, WHO and UPU, which had assumed a broad obligation to submit the Organization's recommendations to their governing bodies; the second those concluded with agencies such as IAEA, which differed because of their specialized area of competence from the specialized agencies; and the third those concluded with agencies such as IBRD, IMF, IFC and IDA, which were of a special technical, economic or financial character and based their activities on rules deriving from their own basic instruments. By way of illustration he cited article IV, paragraph 3, of the Agreement between the United Nations and IBRD. The General Assembly should bear that article in mind in formulating its recommendations.

2. While the considerations he had outlined were in no way a defence of the attitude taken by IBRD or IMF, he wished to repeat the three fundamental points underlying his country's position. First, recommendations addressed to the specialized agencies should not be so broadly conceived as to be in the end counterproductive. Secondly, recommendations made to the agencies in no way detracted from the responsibility of Member States, which were the parties in fact responsible for the application of United Nations resolutions. Lastly, the specialized agencies had a major part to play in matters of decolonization bearing on educational, health or food problems.

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3. In reply to a question from Mr. JIMENEZ-MUNGUIA (Honduras), the CHAIRMAN said that the draft resolution on the question of Gibraltar (A/C.4/L.911 and Add.1-7) would be put to the vote when all the draft resolutions on item 23 of the agenda had been submitted. He reminded the Committee that the time-limit for the submission of draft resolutions would expire at 6 p.m., and asked representatives who intended to make use of their right of reply to inform the Secretariat accordingly.

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.