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Chairman: Mr. G. J. VAN HEUVEN GOEDHART (Netherlands).

Order of priority of items of the agenda (A/C.3/531) (*continued*)¹

1. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should decide upon the order of priority of the remaining items on its agenda (A/C.3/531).
2. For the time being it would be sufficient to decide on the order of the next two items to be considered. The Committee could leave any decision on the others until later.
3. Lord MACDONALD (United Kingdom) stated that among the questions on the Committee's agenda there was only one that called for immediate action, namely that of refugees. In his opinion it should be granted priority in order to give the Secretary-General time to prepare the implementation of the convention on the status of refugees.
4. Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada) and Mr. WALKER (Australia) supported the United Kingdom proposal.
5. Mrs. ROOSEVELT (United States of America) considered that it would be better to wait until the meeting of the General Council of the International Refugee Organization at Geneva was over before considering the question of refugees. She therefore proposed that the draft international covenant on human rights should be considered first.
6. Mr. PANYUSHKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. CABADA (Peru) supported the proposal of the United States delegation.
7. Mr. KAYSER (France) felt that it would not be advisable to undertake forthwith the examination of the

question of refugees and the international covenant. He therefore proposed that the Committee should start by considering the question of freedom of information. Until the Committee decided whether to take up or postpone consideration of the draft convention on freedom of information, there might be an element of uncertainty about the remainder of the Committee's work.

8. AZMI Bey (Egypt), Mr. NORIEGA (Mexico), Mr. CANAS FLORES (Chile) and Mr. Danton JOBIM (Brazil) were in favour of the French representative's proposal.

9. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the proposals should be put to the vote in the order in which they had been submitted.

It was so decided.

10. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the United Kingdom proposal to grant priority to item 3 of the Committee's agenda (Refugees and stateless persons).

That proposal was rejected by 15 votes to 6, with 22 abstentions.

11. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the United States proposal to give priority to item 5 (Draft first international covenant on human rights and measures of implementation).

That proposal was adopted by 23 votes to 13, with 12 abstentions.

It was decided, by 33 votes to 8, with 10 abstentions, to consider next item 6 of the agenda (Freedom of information).

The meeting was suspended at 4 p.m. and was resumed at 4.30 p.m.

¹ See 271st meeting.

**Long-range activities for children. United Nations
International Children's Endowment Fund (A/
1411 and A/C.3/L.54) (continued)**

[Item 64]*

**AUSTRALIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.3/L.54)
(continued)**

12. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the Australian draft resolution (A/C.3/L.54), concerning long-range activities for children, and the numerous amendments to it.

13. He stated that he would put the draft resolution to the vote paragraph by paragraph.

First paragraph

14. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the first paragraph of the Australian draft resolution (A/C.3/L.54).

That paragraph was adopted by 31 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

* Indicates the item number on the General Assembly agenda.

Second paragraph

15. The CHAIRMAN announced that two amendments to the second paragraph of the Australian draft resolution had been submitted, one by the Indian delegation (A/C.3/L.61) and the other by the United States delegation (A/C.3/L.65).

16. Mrs. AFNAN (Iraq) pointed out that the representatives had not had time to study the text of the United States amendment, which had only just been circulated.

17. Mr. AZKOUL (Lebanon) supported the remark of the representative of Iraq: it was impossible for the members of the Committee to form an idea of the real significance of the many amendments that had been put forward unless they had the necessary time at their disposal.

18. He therefore felt himself obliged to move the adjournment of the meeting.

The motion was adopted by 39 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.