



Sixteenth session
Agenda item 37

DRAFT DECLARATION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Report of the Third Committee

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1. At its 1018th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1961, the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee, for consideration and report, item 37 of the agenda of its sixteenth session: "Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information".
2. The Economic and Social Council transmitted a draft Declaration on Freedom of Information by resolution 756 (XXIX) of 21 April 1960 to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session for its consideration.^{1/} At its fifteenth session the General Assembly was not able to consider the draft Declaration, but decided by resolution 1570 (XV) of 18 December 1960 "to consider the draft Declaration at its sixteenth session".^{2/}
3. At its 1134th meeting, on 14 December 1961, the Third Committee adopted without objection a draft resolution submitted by Japan and New Zealand (A/C.3/L.974) postponing consideration of the item to the seventeenth session of the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

4. The Third Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

^{1/} See A/4791.

^{2/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/4666.

Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Not having been able to consider at its sixteenth session the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information submitted by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 756 (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

Decides to consider the draft Declaration at its seventeenth session.
