



Sixteenth Session
Agenda Item 38

DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM

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 38 of the agenda of its sixteenth session: "Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum".
2. The Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum, together with other documents connected therewith, was submitted to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session by the Economic and Social Council by resolution 772 E (XXX) of 25 July 1960.^{1/} The Assembly was not able to consider the draft declaration at the fifteenth session, but it decided by resolution 1571 (XV) of 18 December 1960 "to take up this item as soon as possible at its sixteenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum".^{2/}
3. The Third Committee at its 1125th meeting, on 5 December 1961, held a procedural discussion concerning the action to be taken in respect of the draft declaration. At its 1129th meeting, on 8 December 1961, the Committee adopted without objection a draft resolution submitted by Belgium, Brazil and Saudi Arabia (A/C.3/L.970), postponing consideration of the item to the seventeenth session of the General Assembly.

^{1/} See A/4792.

^{2/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 82, document A/4667.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

4. Accordingly, the Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum apparently cannot, in the present state of the work, usefully be discussed,

Decides to study this question at its next session, it being understood that the Declaration will be examined as early as possible during the session and that the necessary number of meetings will be devoted to it.