



Fifteenth session
Agenda item 82

DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM

Report of the Third Committee

Rapporteur: Miss Helen HAMPTON (New Zealand)

1. By resolution 772 E (XXX) adopted on 25 July 1960, the Economic and Social Council transmitted to the General Assembly for its consideration a draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum prepared by the Commission on Human Rights, together with the records of the discussion of the subject in the Council, the records of earlier discussions in the Commission, and the comments of Governments on the draft Declaration at various stages. At its 881st plenary meeting the General Assembly placed the draft Declaration on the agenda of its fifteenth session (Item 82: Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum) and allocated the item to the Third Committee.
2. The Third Committee, at its 981st meeting, decided to reserve one to two meetings for the discussion of the draft Declaration and placed the item last in its order of business. At its 982nd meeting, the Committee decided that the part of the report of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum^{1/} would be taken up in connexion with the consideration of agenda item 82.
3. At its 1058th meeting the Committee agreed, in view of the limited time remaining at its disposal, to have only a procedural discussion concerning future action to be taken in respect of the draft Declaration.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4415), chapter VI, section II.

4. France submitted the following draft resolution (A/C.3/L.900):

"The General Assembly,

"Not having been able to conclude at its fifteenth session the consideration of the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum,

"Decides to take up this item as soon as possible at its sixteenth session and to request the Third Committee at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum."

5. The representative of France accepted suggestions made by the representatives of Ghana and of Morocco to replace the words "conclude ... the consideration of", in the preamble, by the word "consider"; he also accepted an oral amendment by the representative of Afghanistan to delete from the operative paragraph the words "to request the Third Committee".

6. The draft resolution submitted by France (A/C.3/L.900), with the changes accepted by the sponsor, was adopted unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

The General Assembly,

Not having been able to consider at its fifteenth session the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum,

Decides 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.
