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DRAFT DECLARATION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM*

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 1496th plenary meeting on 16 December 1966, the General Assembly adopted its resolution 2203 (XXI) entitled "Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum". In paragraph 1 of that resolution the Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee^{1/} to which was annexed "a draft Declaration on Territorial Asylum, together with the amendments and proposals considered in connexion with its elaboration". It outlines the history of the item on asylum prior to the twentieth session of the General Assembly, and its consideration at the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the General Assembly. An annex contains the report of a Working Group established by the Sixth Committee at the twenty-first session, which sets out the text of the draft Declaration on Territorial Asylum prepared by the Working Group together with a summary of its proceedings and the texts of the various amendments and proposals considered in elaborating the text of the draft Declaration.

2. Pursuant to a request contained in operative paragraph 2 of resolution 2203 (XXI) the Secretary-General, by letter of 25 January 1967, drew the attention of Member States to the above-mentioned draft Declaration for their further consideration and to the report of the Sixth Committee thereon. By operative paragraph 3 of the same resolution the Assembly decided to place an item entitled "Draft Declaration on Territorial Asylum" on the provisional agenda of its twenty-second session "with a view to the final adoption of a declaration on this subject".

* Item 90 of the provisional agenda.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 85, document A/6570.