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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Report of the Third Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2123rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1973, allocated to the Third Committee agenda item 64 entitled:

"Freedom of information:

- (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
- (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information".
- 2. The Third Committee considered the item at its 2046th and 2047th meetings, on December 1973. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.3/SR.2046 and 2047) contain the views expressed by representatives of Member States on the item.
- 3. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/9076) referring to the note (A/8340) he had submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, in which an account was given of the previous consideration of the item by United Nations organs.
- 4. The item was introduced by the Director of the Division of Human Rights at the 2046th meeting.
- 5. In the absence of any draft resolution, the Committee, upon the proposal by the Chairman at the 2047th meeting, decided to make the recommendation which appears in paragraph 6 below.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

6. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the item entitled "Freedom of information" should be included in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session.