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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Report of the Third Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2237th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1974, allocated to the Third Committee agenda item 57, entitled "Freedom of information".
2. The Committee considered this item at its 2109th and 2110th meetings, on 5 and 6 December 1974. The records of these meetings (A/C.3/SR.2109-2110) 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/9657) containing background information on the item.
4. The Director of the Division of Human Rights introduced the item at the 2109th meeting of the Committee.
5. At the 2110th meeting, on 6 December, the Chairman orally proposed that the Committee decide to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be included in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session.
6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics orally proposed that the Committee decide to recommend to the General Assembly that further consideration of the item entitled "Freedom of information" be deferred until the thirty-first session of the General Assembly.
7. At the same meeting, the representative of France orally proposed a subamendment to add "with highest priority" to the proposal of the USSR.
8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral subamendment by the representative of France by 65 votes to 23, with 30 abstentions. The Committee rejected the amendment of the USSR as amended by 35 votes to 29, with 30 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

9. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled 'Freedom of information'."
