

40. Miss FAROUK (Tunisia) supported the order of priorities suggested by the Chairman, which appeared to reflect the general consensus in the Committee, although she felt that items 75 and 76 might be given higher priority. The number of meetings to be allocated to the various items, and in particular to items 75 and 76 might, however, be reconsidered.

41. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the following changes should be made in the programme of work which he had suggested earlier: item 12 should be considered after items 68 (a), 68 (c) and 77; items 75 and 76 should be discussed as soon as the necessary documents had been made available; and the positions of items 73 and 83 in the programme of work should be reversed.

42. Mr. BROAD (United Kingdom) said that his delegation did not agree with the last suggestion made by the Chairman because the problem with placing an item at the end of the list was that it received insufficient attention from the Committee. The question dealt with under item 73 deserved as much attention as item 83 since it had not been discussed at the twenty-ninth session.

43. Mr. ALFONSO (Cuba) said that the Chairman's latest suggestions improved the Committee's programme of work, particularly as far as item 12 was concerned. His delegation, however, shared the concern expressed by the representative of Tunisia regarding the number of meetings to be allocated to each item; for instance only 10 meetings had been allocated to consideration of items 75 and 76.

44. Mr. SPEEKENBRINK (Netherlands) said that his delegation shared the concern of the United Kingdom representative regarding the suggested order of priority for item 73. The problem which had arisen would not be solved by reversing the positions of items 83 and 73 because it was necessary to consider both of those items very thoroughly. He therefore wondered whether the Chairman might not reconsider his last suggestion.

45. The CHAIRMAN said that, in view of the concern expressed by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, he would suggest that item 83 should be considered just before item 73.

46. Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation supported the latest suggestions made by the Chairman regarding the order of priorities, particularly as far as item 12 was concerned. It felt,

however, that items 75 and 76 should be considered even earlier than the Chairman had suggested. Finally, it was of the opinion that it would probably not be feasible to consider items 73 and 83 early in the session because the necessary documents would not be available.

47. Mr. VON KYAW (Federal Republic of Germany) said that the desire expressed by some delegations to see items 75 and 76 given higher priority did not seem to have been taken into account in the Chairman's revised list. There had also been an over-reaction to the proposal of some delegations that item 83 should be dealt with earlier. Moreover, he found it difficult to understand why item 12 had been moved up so high on the revised list. He therefore suggested that more time was needed to enable the Committee to reach a consensus.

48. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) considered that the position of item 12 on the Chairman's original list was reasonable. She proposed that the order of consideration of items 68 (b) and 75 and 76 should be reversed. She noted the suggestion made by the representative of the Upper Volta concerning the number of meetings to be allocated to item 84, and wondered whether one of those meetings could be devoted to consideration of item 83.

49. Mr. LÜTEM (Secretary of the Committee), in response to points raised regarding the question of availability of documentation, said that the report on the protection of human rights in Chile, which would be considered in connexion with item 12, would not be available before 15 October.

50. Mr. RIOS (Panama) suggested that the Chairman and the officers of the Committee should work out a compromise draft programme of work and submit it to the Committee for consideration.

51. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should postpone a decision on the organization of work until the following meeting.

52. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee agreed to the suggestion contained in paragraph 3 of document A/C.3/L.2149 to the effect that it should complete its work by 5 December 1975.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 6.30 p.m.*

## 2113th meeting

Wednesday, 24 September 1975, at 10.55 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Ladislav ŠMÍD (Czechoslovakia).

A/C.3/SR.2113

### *Organization of work (A/C.3/L.2149)*

1. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the items on the agenda of the Committee should be considered in the

following order, allocating to each the number of meetings indicated: item 68 (a) and (c) (Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination: (a) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; (c) Status of the Inter-

national Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination), five meetings; item 77 (Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights), three meetings; item 69 (Human rights and scientific and technological developments), three meetings; item 78 (Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa), three meetings; item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), 12 meetings; item 74 (Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in relation to detention and imprisonment), six meetings; item 73 (Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms), six meetings; item 75 (International Women's Year, including the proposals and recommendations of the World Conference of the International Women's Year) and item 76 (Status and role of women in society, with special reference to the need for achieving equal rights for women and to women's contribution to the attainment of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to the struggle against colonialism, racism and racial discrimination and to the strengthening of international peace and of co-operation between States), 10 meetings; item 80 (Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees), three meetings; item 72 (Policies and programmes relating to youth), four meetings; item 68 (b) (Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination), four meetings; item 83 (Freedom of information), three meetings; item 71 (World social situation), four meetings; item 81 (National

experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress), three meetings; item 79 (Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance), three meetings; item 84 (Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), three meetings; and item 85 (United Nations Conference for an International Convention on Adoption Law), two meetings.

2. Mr. DE SILVA (Sri Lanka) stated that while he was in general agreement with the order of items suggested by the Chairman, and while his delegation particularly appreciated the importance attached to item 68, he felt that, in view of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, it might be appropriate to assign higher priority to certain items which might have financial implications, such as items 72, 73, 75 and 76.

3. The CHAIRMAN said that account had been taken of the point just raised in establishing the order of items in the Committee's programme of work, especially in connexion with item 73, and that the places assigned to items 75 and 76 and 72 were based on the availability of the relevant documents. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee adopted the suggested programme of work.

*It was so decided.<sup>1</sup>*

*The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.*

<sup>1</sup> The programme of work adopted by the Third Committee was subsequently circulated as document A/C.3/L.2150.

## 2114th meeting

Thursday, 25 September 1975, at 11 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Ladislav ŠMÍD (Czechoslovakia).

A/C.3/SR.2114

### AGENDA ITEM 68

#### Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination:

- (a) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/10003, chap. I, chap. V, sect. B.1., paras. 307-313; A/10145 and Add.1, E/5636 and Add.1-3, E/5637 and Add.1 and 2);
- (c) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/10197)

#### GENERAL DEBATE and CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

1. Mr. SCHREIBER (Director, Division of Human Rights) said that he felt optimistic at the opening of the work of the Third Committee at the thirtieth session of the General Assembly on account of the importance of the questions submitted for the Committee's consideration and because they had been well prepared at major international confer-

ences and fruitful sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Furthermore, there were great hopes that at the current session the entry into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) would finally be achieved, inasmuch as 34 countries had already ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and 33 had ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Similarly, 12 countries had ratified or acceded to the Optional Protocol to the latter Covenant. The sanctioning of those instruments would mark a historic moment in the work of the United Nations and enable the Organization to play a prominent role in the protection of human rights. The important statements made at plenary meetings by heads of delegations on the future of the United Nations in the matter of human rights could thus be translated into reality by the Committee.