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President: Mr. Eliasson (Sweden)

The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Reports of the Third Committee

The President: The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 39, 61 to 65, 67 to 71, 106, 107 and 116.

I request Mr. Pedro Cardoso of Brazil, Rapporteur of the Third Committee, to introduce, in one intervention, the reports of the Third Committee.

Mr. Cardoso (Brazil), Rapporteur of the Third Committee: I have the honour to introduce, for the consideration of the General Assembly, the reports of the Third Committee on the agenda items allocated to it by the Assembly.

Under agenda item 39, entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 17 of document A/60/499, the adoption of three draft resolutions; and, in paragraph 18 of the same report, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 61, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 12 of document A/60/500, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 62, entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 27 of document A/60/501, the adoption of four draft resolutions; and, in paragraph 28 of the same report, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 63, entitled "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 9 of document A/60/502, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 64, entitled "Advancement of women", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 48 of document A/60/503, the adoption of six draft resolutions; and, in paragraph 49 of the same report, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 65, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century'", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/60/504, the adoption one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 67, entitled "Promotion and protection of the rights of children", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 46 of document A/60/505, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

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Under agenda item 68, entitled “Indigenous issues”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 12 of document A/60/506, the adoption of one draft resolution; and, in paragraph 13 of the same report, the adoption of one draft decision.

The report of the Third Committee under agenda item 69, entitled, “Elimination of racism and racial discrimination”, is contained in documents A/60/507 and A/60/507/Corr.1. In paragraph 21 of the former, the Third Committee recommends the adoption of two draft resolutions; and, in paragraph 22 of the same report, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 70, entitled “Right of peoples to self-determination”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 17 of document A/60/508, the adoption of two draft resolutions; and, in paragraph 18 of the same report, the adoption one draft decision.

The report of the Third Committee under agenda item 71, entitled “Human rights questions”, has been issued in seven parts, which are contained in documents A/60/509, A/60/509/Add.1, A/60/509/Add.2 (Part I), A/60/509/Add.2 (Part II), A/60/509/Add.3, A/60/509/Add.4 and A/60/509/Add.5.

In paragraph 5 of document A/60/509, the Third Committee recommends the adoption of one draft decision.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 71, entitled “Implementation of human rights instruments”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 23 of document A/60/509/Add.1, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

The report issued under sub-item (b) of agenda item 71, entitled “Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, has been issued in two parts. In paragraph 21 of document A/60/509/Add.2 (Part I), the Third Committee recommends the adoption of one draft resolution. In paragraph 102 of document A/60/509/Add.2 (Part II), the Third Committee recommends the adoption of 20 draft resolutions.

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 71, entitled “Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 70 of document A/60/509/Add.3, the adoption of six draft resolutions.

The reports of the Third Committee contained in documents A/60/509/Add.4 and A/60/509/Add.5, indicate that no proposals were submitted under sub-item (d) of agenda item 71, entitled “Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”, or sub-item (e) of the same agenda item, entitled “Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights”.

Under agenda item 106, entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 21 of document A/60/510, the adoption of three draft resolutions; and, in paragraph 22 of the same document, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 107, entitled “International drug control”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 15 of document A/60/511, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Finally, under agenda item 116, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 6 of document A/60/512, the adoption of two draft decisions.

Before concluding, I should like to thank the members of the Bureau of the Third Committee, as well as the members of the Secretariat, for their support and help in ensuring the successful completion of the work of the Committee. Having said that, I respectfully commend the reports of the Third Committee to the General Assembly for its consideration.

The President: I thank Mr. Pedro Cardoso of Brazil, Rapporteur of the Third Committee, for his introduction of the reports of the Third Committee.

If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Third Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records. May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that,

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation’s vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.”

May I further remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in reports of the Third Committee, I would like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Third Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. That means that where recorded votes or separate votes were taken, we will do the same. I would also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Third Committee.

Agenda item 39

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/499)

The President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report, as well as a draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 18 of the same report. We shall now take a decision on draft resolutions I to III, and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/127).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled “Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa”. The Third Committee adopted draft

resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/128).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled “Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 60/129).

The President: I call on the representative of Azerbaijan on a point of order.

Ms. Adjalova (Azerbaijan): With regard to resolution 60/129, I would like to inform the General Assembly that Azerbaijan withdrew its sponsorship at the time that action was taken in the Third Committee. That fact was not reflected in the report before us, and we would like to request the Secretariat to ensure that it is recorded.

The President: We turn now to the draft decision, entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors”.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 39?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 61

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/500)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 12 of its report in document A/60/500.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Third Committee adopted the draft

resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 60/130).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 62

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/501)

The President: The Assembly has before it four draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 27 of its report in document A/60/501, and one draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of the same report.

We will now take decisions on draft resolutions I through IV and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/131).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Cooperatives in social development". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/132).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 60/133).

The President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 60/134).

The President: We now turn to the draft decision, entitled "Report considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of social development".

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 63

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/502)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 9 of its report in document A/60/502.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing". The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 60/135).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 64**Advancement of women****Report of the Third Committee (A/60/503)**

The President: The Assembly has before it six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 48 of its report in document A/60/503, and one draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 49 of the same report.

I should like to inform members that action on draft resolution IV, entitled “Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women”, and draft resolution VI, entitled “Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women”, is postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolutions IV and VI as soon as the reports of the Fifth Committee on their programme budget implications are available.

We will now take decisions on draft resolutions I, II, III and V and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled “In-depth study on all forms of violence against women”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/136).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled “United Nations Development Fund for Women”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/137).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled “Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 60/138).

The President: Draft resolution V is entitled “Violence against women migrant workers”. The Third

Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 60/139).

The President: We now turn to the draft decision, entitled “Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women”.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 49 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 64.

Agenda item 65**Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”****Report of the Third Committee (A/60/504)**

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report in document A/60/504.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled “Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly”.

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 60/140).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 67

Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/505)

The President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 46 of its report in document A/60/505.

I should like to inform members that action on draft resolution II, entitled "Rights of the child", is postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolution II as soon as the reports of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

We will now take a decision on draft resolution I, entitled "The girl child". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/141).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 67.

Agenda item 68

Indigenous issues

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/506)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 12 of its report in document A/60/506 and a draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of the same report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution and on the draft decision.

The draft resolution is entitled "Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People". The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 60/142).

The President: The draft decision is entitled "Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people".

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 69

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/507 and Corr.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report in document A/60/507 and one draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of the same report.

We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana,

Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Japan, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 114 votes to 4, with 57 abstentions (resolution 60/143).

[Subsequently the delegation of Lebanon informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of

and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay,

Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Marshall Islands, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Australia, Canada, Palau, Tuvalu.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 172 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions (resolution 60/144).

The President: The Assembly will now turn to the draft decision, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General under agenda item 69".

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 70

Right of peoples to self-determination

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/508)

The President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report in document A/60/508 and one draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of the same report.

I call on the representative of the United States to speak in explanation of vote.

Mr. Godard (United States of America): The United States has worked continuously to support the social and economic development, as well as legitimate political aspirations, of the Palestinian people. The level of United States assistance for Palestinians' needs compares favourably to that of any other country in the world. The United States has no quarrel with the "right of the Palestinian people to self-determination". President Bush articulated clearly that the United States objective is two sovereign, democratic States —

Israel and Palestine — living side by side in peace and security.

The United States, working with the Palestinian Authority and the international community, has focused substantial resources on strengthening the Palestinian Authority's institutions and providing assistance to ensure democratic elections. President Bush recently welcomed Palestinian Authority President Abbas to the White House. Recent progress on the ground, including the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, and the 15 November Agreement on Movement and Access between Israel and the Palestinian Authority are historic and show that progress is made when Israeli and Palestinian officials work together with the support of the international community. In this regard, the opening of Rafah on 25 November marked an important step in building trust between the parties as we work to renew progress along the road map.

The United States cannot support the draft resolution under consideration. The draft resolution and others like it reflect an outdated approach conceived when the Palestinian people lacked democratic leadership and believed that the solution to their problems lay in the United Nations. There is a role for the United Nations in this issue, but that role is in supporting the two parties to the conflict. One-sided resolutions from the Assembly undermine the credibility of the United Nations and, ultimately, its effectiveness.

The President: A number of representatives have indicated to the Secretariat that their names were not included in the list of sponsors of draft resolution II, entitled "The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination", contained in document A/60/508. In that connection, I give the floor to the Director of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

Ms. Kelley (Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management): Regrettably, document A/60/508 failed to list the names of the additional sponsors of draft resolution II, entitled "The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination". I would like for the record to read out those names and to assure the

Assembly that they will be included in the final version of the report.

The additional sponsors of draft resolution II, on the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, are: Andorra, Armenia, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, the Comoros, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The President: We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/145).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled "The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary,

Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Australia.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 170 votes to 5, with 1 abstention (resolution 60/146).

The President: The draft decision is entitled "Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the rights of peoples to self-determination". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 71 (continued)

Human rights questions

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/509)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

We will now take action on the draft decision.

The draft decision, entitled "Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights", was adopted by the Third Committee. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 71.

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

**Report of the Third Committee
(A/60/509/Add.1)**

The President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 23 of its report.

We will now take decisions on draft resolutions I to III.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/147).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/148).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled "International Covenants on Human Rights". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 60/149).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 71?

It was so decided.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

**Report of the Third Committee
(A/60/509/Add.2 (Parts I and II))**

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of part I of its report and 20 draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 102 of part II of its report.

Before proceeding further, I should like to inform members that action on the draft resolution entitled "Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities", contained in part I of the report, is postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on the draft resolution as soon as the report of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

I now call on the representative of the United States of America, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote before the voting.

Mr. Godard (United States of America): With regard to draft resolution X under this item, entitled "Human rights in the administration of justice", the United States would like to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the amendments to operative paragraphs 1 and 2 submitted by our delegation during consideration of the draft resolution by the Third Committee.

While we are not going to re-submit these now, we would like to reaffirm our position. In particular, we have strong concerns with the reference in paragraph 1 to implementing “all United Nations standards on human rights”, which include a variety of non-binding norms and recommendations.

The United States takes seriously our commitment to fully implement human rights obligations we have undertaken, and we believe that that more limited and accurate language should be used when addressing this topic in future resolutions of this nature.

The President: We will now take decisions, one by one, on the 20 draft resolutions recommended in paragraph 102 of part II of the report. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their votes.

We first turn to draft resolution I, entitled “Combating defamation of religions”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates,

Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Armenia, Botswana, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Honduras, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 101 to 53, with 20 abstentions (resolution 60/150).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled “Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/151).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled “Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso,

Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Brazil, Chile, Iraq, Singapore.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 121 to 53, with 4 abstentions (resolution 60/152).

The President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Establishment of a United Nations human rights training and documentation centre for South-West Asia and the Arab region". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 60/153).

The President: Draft resolution V is entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 60/154).

The President: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the

Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 125 to 53, with no abstentions (resolution 60/155).

The President: Draft resolution VII is entitled “Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VII without a vote. May I take it the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 60/156).

The President: Draft resolution VIII is entitled “The right to development”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Marshall Islands, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, Palau.

Draft resolution VIII was adopted by 172 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions (resolution 60/157).

The President: Draft resolution IX is entitled “Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.” The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IX without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IX was adopted (resolution 60/158).

The President: Draft resolution X is entitled “Human rights in the administration of justice.” The Third Committee adopted draft resolution X without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution X was adopted (resolution 60/159).

The President: Draft resolution XI is entitled “Effective promotion of the Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities.” The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XI without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XI was adopted (resolution 60/160).

The President: Draft resolution XII is entitled “Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XII was adopted (resolution 60/161).

The President: Draft resolution XIII is entitled “Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization”.

A separate vote has been requested on the fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution XIII. I shall first put that paragraph to the vote.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia,

Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

The fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution XVIII was retained by 136 votes to none, with 31 abstentions.

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Sudan informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.]

The President: I now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of

Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Tuvalu.

Draft resolution XIII as a whole was adopted by 173 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 60/162).

The President: Draft resolution XIV is entitled "Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste,

Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Argentina, Armenia, Chile, India, Mexico, Samoa, Singapore, Vanuatu.

Draft resolution XIV was adopted by 116 votes to 53, with 8 abstentions (resolution 60/163).

The President: Draft resolution XV is entitled “Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and diversity of democratic systems in electoral processes as an important element for the promotion and protection of human rights”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran

(Islamic Republic), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu.

Draft resolution XV was adopted by 110 votes to 6, with 61 abstentions (resolution 60/164).

The President: Draft resolution XVI is entitled “The right to food”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Israel.

Draft resolution XVI was adopted by 176 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (resolution 60/165).

[Subsequently, the delegation of Guyana informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: Draft resolution XVII is entitled "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XVII was adopted (resolution 60/166).

The President: Draft resolution XVIII is entitled "Human rights and cultural diversity". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVIII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XVIII was adopted (resolution 60/167).

The President: Draft resolution XIX is entitled "Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XIX without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XIX was adopted (resolution 60/168).

The President: Draft resolution XX is entitled "Protection of migrants". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XX without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XX was adopted (resolution 60/169).

The President: I shall now give the floor to those representatives wishing to speak in explanation of position on the resolutions just adopted.

Mrs. Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran): We join the consensus on draft resolution IV, entitled "Establishment of a United Nations human rights training and documentation centre for South-West Asia

and the Arab region”, which was just adopted under agenda item 71 (b). Nevertheless, my delegation would like to dissociate itself from the content of the twelfth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution.

Mr. Amoros (Cuba) (*spoke in Spanish*): In the context of the review of the current report, my delegation would like to explain its position concerning draft resolutions II and V.

In the first case, my delegation believes that the application of the elements approved in draft resolution II must be limited to, and interpreted according to, the subregional context provided for in the text.

With respect to draft resolution V, on national institutions, we cannot consider the reference made in operative paragraph 22 to the so-called action 2 initiative of the Secretary-General to be an endorsement of that initiative. My delegation believes that the provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/300 set out the intergovernmental framework for the implementation of this measure. In other words, this does not mean that my delegation endorses action 2. We believe that there is still much to be discussed in that respect.

Ms. Taracena Secaira (Guatemala) (*spoke in Spanish*): With respect to draft resolution I, “Combating defamation of religions”, my delegation would like to state that Guatemala does not accept and condemns the defamation of any religion whose principles and practices are compatible with human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Guatemala defends the principles of tolerance, non-discrimination and freedom of worship. However, we believe that this resolution lacks balance in giving more importance to one religion than to others. Despite that fact, we voted in favour of the resolution, and we hope that in future it would be more inclusive and also condemn intolerance towards minorities whose religion is not the official State religion.

Mr. Abdelmannan (Sudan) (*spoke in Arabic*): I would like to explain our position with regard to draft resolution XVII. My delegation joined the consensus on operative paragraph 4 (a) of the draft resolution on the understanding that it would not be contradictory to the very religious beliefs and principles to which it refers.

Mr. Wood (United Kingdom): I am taking the floor on behalf of the European Union in connection

with draft resolution VIII, entitled “The right to development”. I do not want to take the time of the Assembly by making a full, substantive explanation of vote, but I wanted to recall the fact that the European Union as a whole was able to vote in favour of draft resolution VIII, unlike in the Third Committee. I should also like to draw attention to the contents of the explanation of vote that the European Union made at the time of adoption.

The President: We have heard the last speaker in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 71.

Programme of work

The President: I should like to inform members that it is my intention that the General Assembly will take action on draft resolution A/60/L.40, entitled “Peacebuilding Commission” on Tuesday, 20 December.

I should like to commend the Third Committee for its excellent work. I am sure that continued deliberations will occur in the same good spirit. Again, I thank members for their cooperation. I look forward to the meeting of the General Assembly at which it will duly consider action on 20 December.

Ms. Bahemuka (Kenya), Vice-President, took the Chair.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.3)

The Assembly has before it six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 70 of its report.

Before proceeding further, I should like to inform members that action on draft resolution VI, entitled “Situation of human rights in Myanmar”, is postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will take action on draft resolution VI as soon as the report of the Fifth Committee on its programme budget implications is available.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has requested to speak in explanation of vote before the vote, and I give him the floor.

Mr. Sin Song Chol (Democratic People's Republic of Korea): The Democratic People's Republic of Korea categorically rejects draft resolution IV, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea", submitted by the European Union, as a political plot against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by the United States of America and its allies. The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea questions the legitimacy of the draft resolution for the following reasons.

First, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea draws the attention of Member States to the fact that the draft resolution was submitted by the kingpins of human rights violations, namely the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom on behalf of the European Union.

As for the United States, it is a criminal State, historically living on war and massacre. At this point, the United States, having occupied sovereign States by force, is indiscriminately killing innocent people by using chemical weapons such as white phosphorus without hesitation. The United States routinely kidnaps innocent people on the pretence that they are terrorist suspects, and tortures them in secret prisons. Now, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary of State and other high officials of the Administration are all claiming, in defiance of international law, that torture is legitimate.

As for Japan, it is a war-criminal State of the Second World War. It has not settled the issue of the crimes against humanity that it committed in the twentieth century. Rather, it embellishes those crimes and is pushing forward with preparations to repeat its criminal history.

Now, Japan has inserted a clause on abductions into the draft resolution and is demanding that the countries of Asia and Africa support it. The abduction issue that Japan is talking about refers to incidents that took place by chance, in the context of the hostile relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan in the 1970s. That issue was duly resolved during Prime Minister Koizumi's visit to

Pyongyang. The problem is that the conservative hardliners continue to use it politically.

However, Japan's abduction of Korean people has not been settled at all. During its 40-year occupation of Korea, Japan mobilized, by force or by abduction, 8.4 million people for military service, for forced labour at coal mines and to serve as sex slaves for the Japanese army. Japan has so far not given any information on the fate or the whereabouts of those individuals.

Even today, Japan continues to engage in the criminal act of abducting citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In that regard, I am going to announce incidents of Japan's abduction of citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that have not yet been made known to the international community. Japan sends various non-governmental organizations to the border area between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China. Those individuals are engaged in secret operations to lure and abduct Japanese-Korean citizens to take them to the Japanese islands. Some members of those Japanese non-governmental organizations were arrested by the Chinese public security authorities for their illegal activities and were expelled.

I would like to recall that at the normalization talks between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan, held in Beijing in early November, we raised that issue with the Japanese side and demanded that our citizens abducted to Japan be sent back to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The United Kingdom, for its part, grew fat on hundreds of years of colonial exploitation and massacre. Today, the United Kingdom's zealous junior collaborator, the United States, wages aggression against sovereign States and violates international law and human rights under the slogan of a war on terror. In that regard, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea makes it very clear that the European Union is nothing less than hypocritical when it poses as a human rights champion. It is cowardly and hypocritical for the European Union to cry for human rights in small and weak countries while turning away from horrible human rights violations committed by the United States and the United Kingdom.

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea raises the following question: what on Earth do justice, fairness and legitimacy mean when the kingpins of human rights violations are free to use

their strength to blame other countries on human rights issues.

Secondly, the draft resolution uses the issue of human rights for political purposes against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The United States, the United Kingdom and Japan are using human rights issues, together with the nuclear issue, to pursue the overthrow of our social system. The United States has enacted the North Korean Human Rights Act and is investing \$24 million on the issue of North Korean human rights every year, and innumerable bogus human rights organizations from the United States, Japan, South Korea and European countries are engaging in subversive operations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea just to get paid from that fund. In that regard, I once again highlight the fact that the draft resolution is based on false information fabricated by those bogus non-governmental organizations. The anti-Democratic People's Republic of Korea manoeuvring by the United States and Japan using human rights issues is itself a violation of human rights and international law.

Thirdly, the European Union's draft resolution damages the authority and the credibility of the United Nations. The United States, the United Kingdom and Japan are pressing developing countries hard to change their position and support the draft resolution. In the Third Committee, many Asian and African countries voted against or abstained on the European Union's draft resolution, based on a principled position against politicization, double standards and selectivity on human rights issues. The United States, the United Kingdom and Japan were alarmed at the result of the vote and stepped up pressure on those countries to change their positions. We feel particularly sick of Japan's desperate campaign to force its will on other countries by exerting its economic influence.

All those facts and realities eloquently demonstrate that the draft resolution, even if it is adopted with majority support in the Assembly, would not carry the lofty authority and legitimacy of a resolution of the General Assembly.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is a country with a small territory and a small population, whereas the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan and the European Union are big Powers boasting military and economic strength. The people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are very proud

that they firmly safeguard their sovereignty against the pressure of the united forces of the United Kingdom, the United States, Japan and the European Union, and they are resolved to defend and further develop the superior people-centred system that they have chosen by themselves.

The Acting President: We shall now take decisions on draft resolutions I through V.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo". Separate votes have been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraph 9 (c) of draft resolution I. Is there any objection to those requests?

In the absence of objection, I shall first put to a vote the fourth preambular paragraph of draft resolution I, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of

Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Against:

Rwanda, Uganda.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

The fourth preambular paragraph of draft resolution I was retained by 96 votes to 2, with 60 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 9 (c) of draft resolution I, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New

Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Against:

Rwanda, Uganda.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 9 (c) of draft resolution I was retained by 96 votes to 2, with 61 abstentions.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution I as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-

Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen.

Draft resolution I as a whole was adopted by 102 votes to 3, with 67 abstentions (resolution 60/170).

The Acting President: We turn now to draft resolution II, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Against:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama,

Philippines, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Singapore, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 75 votes to 50, with 43 abstentions (resolution 60/171).

[Subsequently, the delegation of Mauritania informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote against.]

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Situation of human rights in Turkmenistan".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against:

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 71 votes to 35, with 60 abstentions (resolution 60/172).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against:

Belarus, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

Draft resolution IV was adopted by 88 votes to 21, with 60 abstentions (resolution 60/173).

The Acting President: Draft resolution V is entitled "Situation of human rights in Uzbekistan".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San

Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu.

Against:

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

Draft resolution V was adopted by 74 votes to 39, with 56 abstentions (resolution 60/174).

The Acting President: I now call on those delegations who wish to speak in explanation of vote.

Mr. Ozawa (Japan): My delegation made a statement at the adoption of the resolution on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the Third Committee and thus does not wish to repeat what was said then, although we are disturbed by false allegations and unconstructive remarks made earlier by the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

We do wish, however, to state that Japan strongly hopes and requests that the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea will take seriously the fact that the General Assembly has adopted the resolution and that it will fully cooperate with the United Nations system, including with the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn.

Mr. Pham Hai Anh (Viet Nam): My delegation wishes to make the following statement in explanation of vote on resolution 60/173, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea".

My delegation voted against the resolution, since it shares the position of many delegations that do not endorse politicization, double standard and selectivity in the approach to human rights, or the use of country-specific resolutions to exert pressure, impose certain positions and interfere in the internal affairs of countries.

Viet Nam also shares the concern of a number of countries on the issue of abduction. Viet Nam's principled position is to reject all acts of abduction.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 71.

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

**Report of the Third Committee
(A/60/509/Add.4)**

The Acting President: May I take it that the Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Third Committee in document A/60/509/Add.4?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 71?

It was so decided.

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Report of the Third Committee
(A/60/509/Add.5)**

The Acting President: May I take it that the Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Third Committee in document A/60/509/Add.5?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 71?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 106

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/510)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report in document A/60/510, and one draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of the same report.

We will now take decisions on draft resolutions I through III and on the draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/175).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/176).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Follow-up to the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 60/177).

The Acting President: We now turn to the draft decision, entitled "Reports considered by the General

Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice”.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 106?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 107

International drug control

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/511)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 15 of its report in document A/60/511.

We will now take decisions on draft resolutions I and II.

Draft resolution I is entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 60/178).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled “Providing support to Afghanistan with a view to ensuring effective implementation of its Counter-Narcotic Implementation Plan”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 60/179).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 107?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 116 (continued)

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Third Committee (A/60/512)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft decisions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 6 of its report in document A/60/512.

We will now take decisions on draft decisions I and II.

The Third Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled “Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly”. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The Acting President: Draft decision II is entitled “Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Third Committee”. May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to adopt draft decision II?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

I call on the representative of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, who wishes to speak in exercise of the right of reply.

Mr. Sin Song Chol (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea): With regard to the statement delivered by the representative of Japan, my delegation thinks that, instead of seeking support for something which has already been settled and wasting time on that, it would be more appropriate for the Japanese Government and the Japanese delegation here in this room to seek more comprehension and more understanding on the subject that is outstanding between the two countries.

In the statement made by my delegation, stress was put on the facts surrounding the abduction of Japanese-Korean citizens by some Japanese non-governmental organizations in the border area between China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. There were more than a few such facts mentioned in my delegation’s statement. That is why we would like to urge the Japanese Government to acknowledge its past crimes very sincerely, to cease and never repeat the crimes that its nationals are committing on the

border between my country and China, and fully to comply with the Pyongyang Declaration adopted during Mr. Koizumi's visit to Pyongyang.

I think that would be the only way for both countries to have the rapprochement that is quite needed, called for and required by both peoples.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all of the reports of the Third Committee before it.

I give the floor to the representative of Guinea-Bissau on a point of order.

Mr. Cabral (Guinea-Bissau): I heard you say, Madam, that we have just concluded our consideration of all of the reports of the Third Committee. What about those with budgetary implications?

The Acting President: I thought that it had been made clear earlier that all those with budgetary implications will be considered after the Fifth Committee has finalized its work. The Assembly has concluded the reports of the Third Committee that were before it today.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.