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President: Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador).

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REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/9341)

1. Mr. de SOTO (Peru), Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee (*interpretation from Spanish*): I have the honour to present the report of the First Committee on agenda item 41 [A/9341]. This item is a combination of two items that were included on the provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly—that is, “Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea” and “Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea”.

2. The debate took place in the presence and with the participation of a delegation from the Republic of Korea and, for the first time, a delegation from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

3. The Committee had before it two draft resolutions, submitted initially on 10 September 1973 [A/C.1/L.644 and 645]. In the course of the debate, amendments to the two draft resolutions were submitted. Subsequently, two draft resolutions seeking to achieve compromises between the first two were submitted in documents A/C.1/L.661 and 664. The second of those draft resolutions was based on the elements contained in the amendments to which I referred a moment ago.

4. On 21 November, at the 1966th meeting, following consultations between the Chairman of the First Committee and the sponsors of the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.1/L.644 and 645, the Chairman announced that it had been agreed that neither of the drafts would be put to a vote at the current session. The Chairman made a statement which is referred to in paragraph 16 of the report and which, *inter alia*, contains the proposal that the General Assembly should dissolve the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, an element that was common to both draft resolutions.

5. The representative of Saudi Arabia, the sponsor of draft resolution A/C.1/L.664, agreed, for the sake of the consensus reflected in the Chairman’s statement, that his draft should not be put to the vote, with the proviso that its text should be read out by the Rapporteur when he introduced the Committee’s report to the Assembly. Therefore, and despite the fact that the text appears verbatim in paragraph 15 of the report, and craving the indulgence of the Assembly, I shall proceed to read the text of the draft resolution submitted by Saudi Arabia:

The Rapporteur then read out draft resolution A/C.1/L.664, for the text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 41.

6. For their part, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/L.661 did not request that their text be put to a vote in view of the compromise arrived at by the sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.1/L.644 and 645. The representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/L.661, made a statement on the subject which is reproduced in paragraph 19 of the report of the Committee.

7. In these circumstances, the Committee decided to adopt by consensus the statement by the Chairman of the First Committee, the definitive version of which was distributed in document A/C.1/L.666. Therefore, I should like now, on behalf of the First Committee, to recommend adoption of the text that appears in paragraph 21 of the report as a consensus of the members of the Assembly.

8. The PRESIDENT: (*interpretation from Spanish*): As was stated by the Rapporteur, draft resolutions A/C.1/L.661 and 664 were not put to the vote and the Chairman of the First Committee was authorized to announce that draft resolutions A/C.1/L.644 and Corr.1 and A/C.1/L.645 would not be put to the vote at the current session of the General Assembly. The First Committee recommends for adoption by the General Assembly the consensus that appears in paragraph 21 of document A/9341.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 25

Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States: report of the Secretary-General (continued)

9. The PRESIDENT: (*interpretation from Spanish*): The second item before the Assembly for consideration is the continuation of agenda item 25. In connexion with this

agenda item, a draft resolution has been submitted and it will be distributed as document A/L.713 before the afternoon plenary meeting.

10. In view of the fact that we have no speakers listed I shall be obliged to adjourn the meeting. Before doing so, I wish to recall that in accordance with the decision taken yesterday the list of speakers for the debate on this item will be closed today at noon.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.