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Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

- 1. The item entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 56/15 of 29 November 2001.
- 2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
- 3. At its 1st meeting, on 29 September 2003, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 62 to 80, which was held at the 2nd to 10th meetings, from 6 to 10 and from 13 to 16 October (see A/C.1/58/PV.2-10). Thematic discussions on the items were held, and draft resolutions were introduced and considered, at the 11th to 15th meetings, from 20 to 24 October (see A/C.1/58/PV.11-15). Action on all draft resolutions was taken at the 16th to 23rd meetings, from 27 to 30 October and from 3 to 6 November (see A/C.1/58/PV.16-23).
- 4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/128).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.1/58/L.48

5. At the 14th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Canada introduced a draft decision entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification" (A/C.1/58/L.48).

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6. At its 18th meeting, on 29 October, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/58/L.48 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftyninth session the item entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification".

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