

**Seventieth session**

Agenda item 173

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly**Report of the Sixth Committee***Rapporteur:* Mr. Idrees Mohammed Ali Mohammed **Saeed** (Sudan)**I. Introduction**

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly” was included in the draft agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly at the request of Australia, Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 24th meetings, on 19 October and 10 November 2015. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.6/70/SR.11](#) and 24).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 11 August 2015 from the representatives of Australia, Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/70/194](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.3

5. At the 11th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Cambodia, on behalf of Australia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/70/L.3](#)).



6. At the 24th meeting, on 10 November, the Vice-Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed by the delegation of Cambodia (also on behalf of the sponsors) that, following consultations with interested delegations, the sponsors had proposed to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly¹ to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

¹ See [A/70/194](#).