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## **Observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly**

### **Report of the Sixth Committee**

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly at the request of France, Germany and Turkey.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, 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 20th and 35th meetings, on 21 October and 20 November 2019. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 16 August 2019 from the Chargés d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of France, Germany and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/74/292](#)).

#### **II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.6/74/L.4](#)**

5. At the 20th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of France, also on behalf of Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden and Turkey, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/74/L.4](#)) and announced that Bangladesh, Belgium, Colombia, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, Poland,

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.6/74/SR.20](#) and [A/C.6/74/SR.35](#).



Qatar, Romania, Senegal, South Africa and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lithuania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 35th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of France requested, on behalf of the sponsors, that the Committee defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Trade Union Confederation in the General Assembly until the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly.

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

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### 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 Trade Union Confederation 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 Trade Union Confederation in the Assembly<sup>1</sup> until the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> See [A/74/292](#).