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1. Mr. BARNETT (Jamaica), Rapporteur of the First Committee: I have the honour to present to the General Assembly the report of the First Committee on agenda item 28 (A/7900). The Committee adopted the two draft resolutions which appear in paragraph 10 of the report, and recommends them for adoption by the General Assembly.

2. Paragraph 10 of the report gives the impression that sections B and C are two different resolutions. In order to avoid this misunderstanding, I wish to state that they are two parts of the same resolution. Thus, the first resolution is draft resolution A, and the second comprises B and C together. They should be voted on accordingly.

Pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the report of the First Committee.

3. The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on the representative of Belgium, who wishes to explain his vote.

4. Mr. SCHURMANS (Belgium) (translated from French): Now that the General Assembly, meeting in plenary session, is about to adopt the texts which the First Committee has prepared on item 28 (International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space), my delegation wishes to stress the special significance which it attaches to the recommendation relating to the draft convention on liability for damage caused by objects launched into outer space (A/7900, para. 10, draft resolution C).

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... the approval of this draft Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts will create favorable conditions for the next step—the speedy completion of work on an agreement concerning liability..." [1640th meeting, para. 145].

10. The representative of the United States, for his part, said that "... this particular agreement is of special interest and concern to the two major space Powers" and that "his Government deeply appreciated the co-operation of the non-space Powers. 1261. As regards the conclusion of a satisfactory convention on liability, he recognized that "other problems remained to be solved, particularly problems of acute interest to the non-space Powers." [ibid., para. 127].

11. At that time, the representatives of the two super-Powers undertook to make every possible effort to that end. Among the representatives of other countries, Mr. Benten described the convention on damages as an indispensable supplement to the Agreement on Rescue; Mr. Vincen stressed that the two instruments had equal importance; the representative of Lebanon noted with deep regret the delay in the conclusion of a draft agreement on liability; and you yourself, Madam President, speaking on behalf of the delegation of Liberia, appealed to the great powers "to consider the possibility of concluding before the next session of the General Assembly a treaty on the question of liability." [ibid., para. 167].

12. It is in the light of these statements that the amendment introduced this year in the wording of paragraph 3 of draft resolution B is to be interpreted. In paragraph 3 of resolution 2455 (XXVIII) adopted last year, the General Assembly:

"Urges those countries which have not yet become parties to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, and the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to those agreements so that they may have the broadest possible effect."

This year, the terms "urges" and "early" are no longer used. In the opinion of the Secretary-General, this degree of urgency is the corollary of the unjustifiable delay in the preparation of a draft convention on liability.

13. On 12 November of this year, at the 70th meeting of the Committee on Outer Space, the representative of the United States expressed the perplexity and scepticism of the small countries in saying:

"Need we be surprised if... small and medium-sized countries have the impression that they have been deceived? Need we criticize them for their suspicion of the light of what has occurred? Could we blame them if they refused to ratify the Agreement on the Rescue and the Return of Astronauts, 1260, as long as the other convention is not finished?"

14. In spite of these misgivings, my delegation would like to hope that the year which is about to begin will see decisive progress and that Governments will soon be in a position to take steps towards the conclusion at the same time as a ratify the Agreement on Rescue.

15. The President: The General Assembly will now vote on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report A/7909. We shall vote first on draft resolution A.

Draft resolution A was adopted by 105 votes to 9, with abstentions [resolution 2600 (XXIV)].

16. The President: The Assembly will now consider draft resolutions B and C. The Fifth Committee has submitted a report on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution B (A/7901). As the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee has pointed out, the draft resolutions appear in B and C in paragraph 10 form the two parts of one draft resolution and they should therefore be considered together. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously by the First Committee.

17. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Assembly so wishes to adopt the draft resolutions unanimously.

Draft resolutions B and C were adopted unanimously [resolution 2601 A (XXIV) and resolution 2601 B (XXIV)].

AGENDA ITEMS 29, 104, 30 and 31

Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/7902)

Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons:
(a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
(b) Conclusion of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons and on the destruction of such weapons;
(c) Report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/7899)

Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/7862)

Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States:
(a) Implementation of the terms of the Conference report of the Secretary-General;
(b) Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for its exploration for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the Secretary-General;

(10) Contributions of nuclear technology to the economic and scientific advancement of the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/7887)

18. The President: I invite Mr. Barnett of Jamaica, the Rapporteur of the First Committee, to present in a single statement the views of the First Committee on agenda items 29, 104, 30 and 31.

19. Mr. Barnett (Jamaica): Rapporteur of the First Committee: I have the honour to present to the General Assembly the reports of the First Committee on the four agenda items relating to disarmament.

20. At its 166th meeting, the First Committee decided that these four agenda items should be discussed together. The following reports are therefore before the Assembly: first, the report on agenda item 29 [A/7902]; secondly, the report on agenda item 104 [A/7899]; thirdly, the report on agenda item 30 [A/7862] and fourthly the report on agenda item 31 [A/7877].

In connection with agenda item 29, the Committee had before it a number of documents, working papers, draft resolutions and amendments thereto, and eventually adopted six draft resolutions which appear in paragraph 17 of its report [A/7899].

22. The Committee had before it a number of documents and draft resolutions concerning agenda item 104, some of which were not pressed to the vote. The First Committee recommends two draft resolutions, which appear in paragraph 22 of the report [A/7899] for adoption by the General Assembly.

23. With regard to agenda item 30, in addition to the report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament [A/7741], the Committee had before it two draft resolutions, which appear in paragraph 14 of the report [A/7862]. The First Committee recommends these two draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly. The attention of the Assembly is also invited to paragraph 10 of the report.

24. The Committee considered two draft resolutions concerning agenda item 31. They appear in paragraph 11 of the report [A/7877] and are recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

Pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the First Committee.

25. The President: The Assembly will not take a decision on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee under agenda item 29 in paragraph 17 of its report [A/7902].

26. I will put to the vote draft resolution A.

Draft resolution A was adopted by 82 votes to none, with 37 abstentions [resolution 2602 A (XXIV)].

27. The President: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution B.
32. The PRESIDENT: I should like to draw the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 9 of the First Committee's report on agenda item 29 (A/7892). The First Committee has submitted a report (A/7892) on the administrative and financial implications of the consensus adopted by the First Committee. If there is no objection, I shall consider that the Assembly has noted paragraph 9 of the report of the First Committee.

It was so decided.

33. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the report of the First Committee on agenda item 104 (A/7890). We shall vote on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 22 of its report. A recorded vote has been requested on draft resolution A, which I now put to the vote.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senseg, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Laos, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

34. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now vote on draft resolution D.

Draft resolution D was adopted by 72 votes to none, with 44 abstentions (resolution 2602 D (XXIV)).

35. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the report of the First Committee on agenda item 30 (A/7892).

Draft resolution A was adopted by 99 votes to 7, with 13 abstentions (resolution 2604 A (XXIV)).

36. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution B.

Draft resolution B was adopted by 114 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions (resolution 2604 B (XXIV)).

37. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic on a point of order.

38. Mr. SMIRNOV (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) (readout from Ambassador): The delegation of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic requests that, in the results of the voting on draft resolution B in document A/7862, the vote of the Byelorussian delegation shall be counted as "in favour".

39. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the report of the First Committee on agenda item 31 (A/7897). Before voting on the draft resolutions recommended in paragraph 11 of its report, I call on those representatives who wish to explain their votes.

40. Mr. SADRY (Iran): I should like to explain very briefly my vote on draft resolution B.

41. In the voting which took place during the 171st meeting of the First Committee, my delegation abstained from voting on this draft resolution because, as was explained on a previous occasion, we consider it important to stress the important questions involved in the provisions of the Non-Nuclear Weapon States, which is one of the important questions that was taken last year in connexion with the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States. The decision referred to is contained in paragraph 7 (a) of General Assembly resolution 2456 A (XXIII) which provides for the inclusion of the provisions of the agenda of this session of the meeting of the Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States. I consider that the implication of article V of the Non-Nuclear Weapon States, which is contained in the present resolution, is totally independent of any action or measure whatever the parties to the Non-Nuclear Weapon States Treaty may intend to take in connexion with the implementation of the recommendations of that resolution.
AGENDA ITEM 103
The strengthening of international security

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/7903)

56. M. BARRETT (Jamaica), Rapporteur of the First Committee: On behalf of the First Committee I have the honour to present to the General Assembly the Committee’s report on agenda item 103 (A/7903). A draft appeal, three draft resolutions and three amendments were submitted to the First Committee. At its 172nd meeting the Committee adopted by acclamation a draft resolution which appears in paragraph 13 of the report. The First Committee therefore recommends the adoption of that draft resolution by the General Assembly.

Pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the report of the First Committee.

57. The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee which appears in paragraph 13 of its report (A/7963).

58. As I hear no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly adopts that draft resolution without objection.

The draft resolution was adopted [resolution 2606 (XXIV)].

AGENDA ITEM 104
Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/7912)

59. The President: I call on the representative of Malta for an explanation of his vote.

60. M. PARDO (Malta): The fact that we did not object to the adoption of the resolution contained in document A/7503 should not be interpreted as meaning that we have changed our position with respect to what we consider to be the powers of the General Assembly. I would repeat that our position remains that the General Assembly cannot change our position with respect to what we consider to be the powers of the General Assembly. I would repeat that our position remains that the General Assembly cannot change our position with respect to what we consider to be the powers of the General Assembly. I would repeat that our position remains that the General Assembly cannot change our position with respect to what we consider to be the powers of the General Assembly. I would repeat that our position remains that the General Assembly cannot change our position with respect to what we consider to be the powers of the General Assembly.

61. The President: I invite the Rapporteur, Mr. Woschnagg of Austria, to present in a single statement, the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 73 (A/7877), 76 (A/7877), 79 (A/7877), 80 (A/7872), 85 (A/7871), 74 (A/7869) and 12 (A/7869).

62. Mr. WOSCHNAGG (Austria), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: I have the honour to present to the General Assembly the report of the Fifth Committee on the draft resolution (A/7869) adopted by the Committee at its 183rd meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 107
Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1969

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/7877)

63. The report on agenda item 73 is contained in document A/7877. Two draft resolutions appear in paragraph 20 of the report and a third in paragraph 23. The Fifth Committee recommends these draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly.

64. The report on agenda item 76 is contained in document A/7874. The Fifth Committee has submitted a draft resolution for adoption by the Assembly which appears in paragraph 16 of the report.

65. The report on agenda item 79 is contained in document A/7915. The draft resolution which was adopted by the Fifth Committee appears in paragraph 3 of the report and is recommended for adoption by the Assembly.

66. The report on agenda item 80 is contained in document A/7912. The draft resolution which was adopted by the Committee appears in paragraph 7 of the report and is recommended for adoption by the Assembly.

67. The report on agenda item 85 is contained in document A/7913. The draft resolution which was adopted by the Committee appears in paragraph 7 of the report and is recommended for adoption by the Assembly.

68. The report on agenda item 74 is contained in document A/7916. The Committee adopted the draft resolution appearing in paragraph 182 of the report and they are recommended for adoption by the Assembly.

69. The report on agenda item 12 is contained in document A/7860. The Fifth Committee took note of chapters XII and XIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/7601), which had been referred to it for consideration, and of the note by the Secretary-General (A/CS/12/284).

Pursuant to rule 68 of the rules of procedure it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee.

70. The President: We shall take up first the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 73 (A/7877). I would ask Members to turn their attention to the two draft resolutions contained in paragraph 20 of that report.

71. I now put to the vote draft resolution A.

Draft resolution A was adopted by 102 votes to none, with 13 abstentions [resolution 2607 B (XXIV)].

72. The President: We now turn to draft resolution B. Since this draft resolution was adopted unanimously by the Fifth Committee, may I take it that the General Assembly also adopts it unanimously?

Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously [resolution 2607 B (XXIV)].

73. The President: I invite Members to turn their attention to the following draft resolution adopted by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 23 of its report.
74. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt this draft resolution?

*The draft resolution was adopted [resolution 2608 (XXIV)].*

75. The PRESIDENT: The next report of the Fifth Committee [A/7914] concerns agenda item 76. The draft resolution recommended by the Committee is to be found in paragraph 16 of that report. I put that draft resolution to the vote.

*The draft resolution was adopted by 116 votes to none [resolution 2609 (XXIV)].*

76. The PRESIDENT: The next report of the Fifth Committee [A/7915] concerns agenda item 79. In paragraph 3 of that report the Committee recommends a draft resolution for adoption by the Assembly.

77. If there is no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly adopts that draft resolution.

*The draft resolution was adopted [resolution 2610 (XXIV)].*

78. The PRESIDENT: The next report of the Fifth Committee [A/7912] concerns agenda item 80. The draft resolution recommended by the Committee is contained in paragraph 7 of that report.

79. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to adopt that draft resolution without objection?

*The draft resolution was adopted [resolution 2611 (XXIV)].*

80. The PRESIDENT: The next report of the Fifth Committee [A/7913] concerns agenda item 85. The draft resolution recommended by the Committee is to be found in paragraph 7 of the report. I put that draft resolution to the vote.

*The draft resolution was adopted by 100 votes to 7, with 9 abstentions [resolution 2612 (XXIV)].*

81. The PRESIDENT: The Fifth Committee concluded its work early this morning, and accordingly the report on agenda item 74 is still in the process of production. In these circumstances, and also since no agreement has yet been reached on agenda item 25 relating to the twenty-fifth anniversary, I would suggest that we adjourn and meet again tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. I would add that if this suggestion is accepted it should not be considered as a precedent.

82. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the General Assembly agrees to accept this suggestion.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 3.20 p.m.*