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General Assembly

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79th plenary meeting

Report of the Credentials Committee (A/62/596). [3 (b)]

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/62/596) (resolution 62/212).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 3.

The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/62/L.35/Rev.1). [50]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 50.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.35/Rev.1 (resolution 62/213).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 50.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit. [116]

(a) *Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working group on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse (A/62/595)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/62/595, paragraph 14)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 116.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in paragraph 14 of its report (A/62/595) (resolution 62/214).



Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Costa Rica.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

The meeting was suspended.

79th plenary meeting (resumed)

Oceans and the law of the sea [77 (a)]

(a) *Draft resolution (A/62/L.27)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/617)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 77.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 146 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution [A/62/L.27](#) (resolution 62/215).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Turkey and Japan.

The representative of Benin made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 77 and of agenda item 77 as a whole.

Introduction of the reports of the First, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Third and Fifth Committees

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the First, the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee), Third and Fifth Committees that were before the Assembly.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [99]

(a) *Report of the First Committee (A/62/392, para. 25, draft resolution IV)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/612).*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 99.

By 150 votes to 0, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution IV recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 25 of its report ([A/62/392](#)) (resolution 62/216).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 99.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [31]

(a) *Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/62/403, para. 14, draft resolution II)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/615)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 31.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 129 votes to 6, with 13 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted operative paragraph 42 of draft resolution II recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 14 of its report ([A/62/403](#)).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 14 of its report ([A/62/403](#)) as a whole (resolution 62/217).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 31.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

Advancement of women [63]

(a) *Report of the Third Committee ([A/62/433 \(Part II\)](#), para. 43, draft resolution VI)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/616](#))*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 63.

The representative of Egypt made a statement on explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution VI recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 43 of its report ([A/62/433](#), Part II), as follows:

| | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|---|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Draft resolution IV | | | |
| Operative paragraph 14 (recorded vote) | 143 | 1 | 6 |
| Operative paragraph 15 (recorded vote) | 132 | 2 | 15 |
| As a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 62/218) | 154 | 1 | 0 |

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Colombia.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Report of the Human Rights Council [65]

(a) *Report of the Third Committee ([A/62/434](#), para. 16, draft resolution)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/613](#))*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 65.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Australia.

By 150 votes to 7, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 16 of its report ([A/62/434](#)) (resolution 62/219).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Sudan.

The representative of Egypt made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [68]

(a) *Report of the Third Committee (A/62/437, para. 26, draft resolution II)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/622)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 68.

The representative of the United States made a statement on explanation of vote before the vote.

By 105 votes to 46, with 6 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/62/437) (resolution 62/220).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [70 (b)]

(a) *Report of the Third Committee (A/62/439/Add.2, para. 173, draft resolution X)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/618)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 70.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution X recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 173 of its report (A/62/439/Add.2) (resolution 62/221).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 70.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [70 (c)]

(a) *Report of the Third Committee (A/62/439/Add.3, para. 49, draft resolution II)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/614)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 70.

By 83 votes to 22, with 47 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 49 of its report (A/62/439/Add.3) (resolution 62/222).

The representative of Myanmar made a statement on explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 70 and of agenda item 70 as a whole.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee.

Introduction of the reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 125, 129, 131, 134, 135, 137 to 140, 161, 164, 136 together with 128, 126, 127 and 128.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/534) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/62/534) (resolution 62/223).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/564) [129]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/62/564) (resolution 62/224).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 129.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/535) [131]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/62/535) (resolution 62/225).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/536) [134]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/62/536) (resolution 62/226).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 134.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/565) [135]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/62/565) (resolution 62/227).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 135.

Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/597) [137]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/62/597), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/62/L.13 (resolution 62/228).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/598) [138]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/62/598), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/62/L.11 (resolution 62/229).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 138.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/599) [139]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report ([A/62/599](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.12](#) (resolution 62/230).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 139.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/600](#)) [140]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report ([A/62/600](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.14](#) (resolution 62/231).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur: report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/601](#)) [161]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report ([A/62/601](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.15](#) (resolution 62/232).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 161.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad: report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/602](#)) [164]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report ([A/62/602](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.16](#) (resolution 62/233).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 164.

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services; Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/605](#)) [136 and 128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report ([A/62/605](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.26](#), in English only (resolution 62/234).

The representative of Singapore made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 136 and 128.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/604](#)) [126]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report ([A/62/604](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.24](#), in English only.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 126.

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee ([A/62/603](#)) [127]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report ([A/62/603](#)), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.10](#) (resolution 62/235).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 127.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/563/Add.1 and A/62/563/Add.2) [128]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on five draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in its report (A/62/563/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in documents A/C.5/62/L.18, A/C.5/62/L.19, A/C.5/62/L.20, A/C.5/62/L.21 and A/C.5/62/L.22, in English only, respectively, as follows:

| | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|---|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 62/236) | 142 | 1 | 0 |
| Draft resolution II (resolution 61/237) | | Adopted | |
| Draft resolution III Part V (recorded vote) | 127 | 0 | 2 |
| As a whole (resolution 62/238) | | Adopted | |
| Draft resolution IV (resolution 61/239) | | Adopted | |
| Draft resolution V (resolution 61/240) | | Adopted | |

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/62/563/Add.2), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/62/L.25, in English only, as follows:

| | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|---|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Draft resolution | | | |
| Operative paragraph 10 (recorded vote) | 95 | 1 | 45 |
| As as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 62/241) | 140 | 1 | 1 |

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Ecuador and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with this statement).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 128.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

Programme of work

The General Assembly took note that items 10, 11, 14 to 18, 20, 22 to 28, 34, 43 to 46, 48, 53 (a), 54 (d), 57 (b), 64 (a) and (b), 86, 98 (g), 108 to 110, 113 (a), (b), (c) and (d), 114 (i), 115 to 118, 121 to 156 and 164 remained open for consideration during its sixty-second session.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

26th meeting

Administration of justice at the United Nations [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62L.13](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of the Netherlands and Vice-Chairman of the Committee orally amended the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994. [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed budgets of both the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General ([A/62/586](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/62/7/Add.30](#)).

The Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General ([A/62/586](#)) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/62/7/Add.30](#)).

The Committee then had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.11](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of the Czech Republic and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991. [139]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.12](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of the Czech Republic and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations. [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.14](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur . . . [161]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.15](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad
[164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.16](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Guatemala, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [136]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.26](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these agenda items at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.10](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Secretary of the Committee orally amended the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchanges and inflation

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General ([A/62/587](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/62/7/Add.30](#)).

The Committee took note of the revised estimates — effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

The Committee had before it draft decision [A/C.5/62/L.17](#) (Sections A-K), which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway, on behalf of the Chairman.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on Section K of the draft decision.

Before the vote on Section K, the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States made statements.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on Section K of draft decision [A/C.5/62/L.17](#), which was adopted by a recorded vote of 94 votes to 40, with 6 abstentions.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States and Spain.

The Committee then adopted the draft decision as a whole without a vote.

The Committee had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.18](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Argentina and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.18](#).

Before the vote on the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.18](#), which was adopted by a recorded vote of 141 votes to 1, with 0 abstention.

The representative of the United States made a statement after the vote.

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the note by the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/62/22](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to note that a balance of \$12,191,000 remained in the contingency fund.

The Chairman of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.23](#) submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Rapporteur.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic requested a recorded vote on Part V of draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.20](#).

The Committee then proceeded to vote on Part V of draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.20](#), which was adopted by a recorded vote of 92 votes to 0, with 14 abstentions.

After the adoption of Part V, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lebanon, Algeria, Afghanistan, India, Yemen and the Sudan.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

The Committee then adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions I to V, contained in document [A/C.5/62/L.23](#).

The Committee had before it draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.25](#), which had been coordinated by the representative of Poland, on behalf of the Chairman.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution and on the draft resolution as a whole.

Before the vote, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on operative paragraph 10, of draft resolution [A/C.5/62/L.25](#), which was adopted by a recorded vote of 93 votes to 1, with 47 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Rio Group).

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 140 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Argentina.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft decision [A/C.5/62/L.24](#) submitted by the Chairman.

The Committee then adopted, without a vote, draft decision [A/C.5/62/L.24](#).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

The Chairman of the Committee paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Rajat Saha, and declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly.