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The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEMS 49 TO 69 AND 151 (continued)**

**CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON DISARMAMENT ITEMS**

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from **Spanish**): **First** of all, I apologise to delegation8 for **starting** our meeting **this** afternoon **rather** late, but, **as representatives know**, around this time in the **session** intensified **consultations** take place **among delegations** on the **various** draft **reeolutione**, **Very often these** **delaye**, **instead of being A waste** of time, in fact mean that time **is** being **saved** and the effort8 of delegation8 **are** **more** fruitful.

**This** afternoon we shall **take action on** draft **reeolutione** **A/C.1/44/L.17/Rev.1** and **L.24**, which **are** included in **clusters** 3 and 5, **respectively**,

Before we do 80, I would **ask** if **any** delegation8 **wish** to introduce draft **reeolutione** at this **stage**. It appear8 **not**.

I call on the Committee Secretary to make an announcement,

Mr. KHERADI (**Secretary** of the Committee) : I **should** like to inform the Committee that the following countries have **become sponsors** of the following draft **resolutions**: **A/C.1/44/L.25**, Benin, El Salvador and Gabon; **L.58**, Gabon; **L.59/Rev.1**, Viet Nam; **L.36**, Gambia; **L.44**, Gabon; and **L.57**, Austria.

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from **Spanish**): I **shall** now call on those **delegations wishing** to make **comments on** the two draft **reeolutione on** which we shall take action **this** afternoon: **L.17/Rev.1** and **L.24**.

Mrs. URIBE de LOZANO (Colombia) (interpretation from Spanish) : My delegation **wishes** to refer to the draft **reeolution in L.17/Rev.1**, entitled "Education for **disarmament**", submitted by Costa Rica.

**Notwithstanding** the utopianism **sceptics** assign to it, general and complete **disarmament** continues to be one of our long-term **objectives**. In order to achieve

(Mrs. Uribe de Lozano, Colombia)

it, it will be necessary to proceed through various phases, to overcome many obstacles and to create suitable conditions so that the political will of States can be strengthened. Without such will, of course, this will be a sterile exercise. We must not forget, of course, that as long as man continues to resort to war and the threat to war as a means of resolving conflicts, our vigilance to ensure the successful implementation of United Nations resolutions will be in vain. That is why we fully support resolution L.17/Rev.1 and feel it deserves similar support from the international community as a whole.

It is a clear attempt to emphasize the lasting validity of that old truth, repeated so often in disarmament debates, that in the last analysis peace and human solidarity can only come from the mind of man and that the most noble goal of education is that of assuring the triumph of those ideals over the face of the Earth.

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from Spanish): I shall now call on those delegations wishing to explain their vote before the vote.

Mr. FRIEDERSDORF (United States of America): The United States delegation will abstain from voting on draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.17/Rev.1, entitled "Education for disarmament".

The draft resolution would call for various reports which would necessarily occupy considerable time of the Secretariat. To what avail?

We are unclear where pursuit of this proposal would lead, but it would seem to be far afield from our customary work in disarmament. The question of disarmament has become a highly political one, with very different conceptions as to the proper place of disarmament in the maintenance of international peace and security,

(Mr. Friedersdorf, United States)

the proper role of the United Nations in the disarmament field and the propriety Of one eet of disarmament measures over another.

We also do not understand the preamhular reference to "a new world order", which we do not find referenced in the purposes of the United Nations, as defined in Article 1 of the United Nations Charter, nor do we agree that one of our preoccupations should be publicity of the Final Document of the First Special Session on Diarmament, as suggested in another preambulsr paragraph.

Finally, the United States doee not deem it appropriate to request thst States respond to any calls made in that Final Document.

Mr. KENYON (United Kingdom) : I should like to explain why my delegation intends to abstain in the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.17/Rev.1.

We believe that much in the draft resolution is laudable, that wars do indeed begin in the minds of men. However, the lesson of history is, regrettably, that it is not only the warlike who need arms; others need them for legitimate self-defence. Nor do we believe that the specialized agencies are appropriate mechanisms for disseminating information on disarmament, as the preamble implies.

Furthermore, we believe that the Secretariat's resources could be better utilized for purposes other than those proposed in paragraph 2.

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from Spanish) : The Committee will now take a vote on draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.17/Rev.1, entitled "Education for general and complete disarmament".

The draft resolution was introduced by the delegation of Costa Rica at the 31st meeting of the First Committee, on 8 November, and it has also been sponsored by Côte d'Ivoire.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A record vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, **Australia**, **Austria**, **Bahamas**, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, **Benin**, Bhutan, Bolivia, **Botswana**, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, **Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic**, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, **Congo**, **Costa Rica**, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Cuba**, **Cyprus**, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, **Denmark**, Djibouti, Dominican **Republic**, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, **Gabon**, Gambia, **German Democratic Republic**, **Ghana**, **Greece**, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, **Guyana**, Haiti, **Hungary**, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan **Arab Jamahiriya**, Luxembourg, **Madagascar**, Malaysia, **Maldives**, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, **Myanmar**, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, **Nigeria**, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, **Peru**, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, **Qatar**, Rwanda, **Samoa**, **Saudi Arabia**, Senegal, Singapore, **Somalia**, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian **Arab Republic**, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union Of Soviet Socialist Republics, United **Arab Emirates**, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet **Nam**, **Yemen**, **Yugoslavia**, Zaire, Zambia, **Zimbabwe**

Against : None

Abstaining: France, Germany, Federal Republic of, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.17/Rev.1 was adopted by 130 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. \*

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from Spanish) : The Committee will **now take** action on draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.24**, entitled "Prohibition of **the** production of **fissionable** material for weapons **purposes**". There are 23 sponsors of the draft resolution, which the representative of Canada introduced at the 29th meeting of **the First Committee, on 7 November.**

I **now call** on the Committee's Secretary to read out the list of sponsors.

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\* **Subsequently** the delegation of Romania advised the Secretariat **that it** had intended to vote in favour.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee) 2 Draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.24** is **sponsored** by the following delegations: **Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Botswana, Byelorussian** Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, **Denmark**, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Romania, **Samoa**, Sweden and **Uruguay**.

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from Spanish): Doe8 any delegation wish **to** speak before the vote?

Mr. SOOD (India) 2 My delegation **is** conetrained to abstain on the draft **resolution**. The Final Document adopted by **consensus** in 1978 at the **first special session** Of the General **Assembly** devoted to disarmament clearly **sets** out the stages **for** the process of nuclear disarmament. It doe8 80 in paragraph **50**, which refer8 to:

**"Cessation** of the production of all type8 of nuclear weapon8 and their mean8 of delivery, and of the production of **fissionable** material for **weapons purposes**". (resolution S-10/2, para. 50)

The draft resolution attempt8 to separate the two **issues - cessation** of the production of nuclear weapon8 and cessation of the production of fiseionable material intended for weapon8 purposes. **The intent** behind the draft resolution **is** laudable. However, a partial approach a8 represented by the draft **resolution, is** not in conformity with the Final **Document**, which **correctly views** the **issue** in it8 totality. In our view, there **should be a simultaneous** stoppage of the production of nuclear weapons and of **fissionable** material **for** weapon8 **purposes**. Only with **such** a total approach can we introduce a universal, equitable and **non-discriminatory system** of international **safeguards on** all nuclear **facilities**. We believe that draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.40** on **this** subject correctly **reflects** the **goals set** out in the Final **Document**.

The CHAIRMAN (interpretation from Spanish): The Committee will now take action cn draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.24**. A recorded vote ha8 been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, **Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire**, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, **Indonesi**a, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, **Saudi** Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, **Venezuela**, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: France

Abstaining: Argentina, Brazil, China, India, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.24 was adopted by 126 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions.\*

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\* Subsequently the delegation of Romania advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.