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Reports of the Sixth Committee

The President (*spoke in French*): This afternoon the General Assembly will consider the reports of the Sixth Committee on agenda items 75 to 86, 107, 118, 130, 140 and 161.

I request the Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee, Mrs. Glenna Cabello de Daboin of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, to introduce in one intervention the reports of the Committee that are before the Assembly.

Mrs. Cabello de Daboin (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee (*spoke in Spanish*): I have the honour today to present the reports of the Sixth Committee on its work during the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Assembly allocated to the Committee 15 substantive and 3 procedural agenda items. Except for that which relates to the election of officers, all those agenda items fall under three of the headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, namely: "Promotion of justice and international law", "Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations", and "Organizational, administrative and other matters". I will introduce the reports of the Sixth Committee on the various items in the order in which they fall under those three headings.

I will begin with the first heading, "Promotion of justice and international law", under which the Sixth Committee considered 12 items and adopted 15 draft resolutions.

The Sixth Committee considered agenda item 75, "Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts". The relevant Committee report is contained in document A/65/463, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 9 thereof.

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would acknowledge the importance of, and commend once again to the attention of Governments, the articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts, without prejudice to the question of their future adoption or other appropriate action. The Assembly would request the Secretary-General to invite Governments to submit written comments on any future action regarding the articles. It would also request the Secretary-General to update once again the compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other international bodies related to the articles and to invite Governments to submit information on their practice in that regard. It would further request the Secretary-General to submit that material well in advance of its sixty-eighth session.

Finally, the General Assembly would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts". It would also further

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examine, with a view to taking a decision, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee, the question of a convention on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts or other appropriate action on the basis of the articles.

The Sixth Committee also considered agenda item 76, "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission". Its report is contained in document A/65/464, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly is reproduced in paragraph 7 thereof.

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would reiterate the content of resolutions 62/63, 63/119 and 64/110 concerning in particular the measures envisaged therein, in order to ensure the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission, while preserving the reporting mechanisms provided for in those resolutions.

The report on agenda item 77, "Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-third session", is contained in document A/65/465. The Sixth Committee recommended four draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly, which are reproduced in paragraph 13 of the report.

Under the terms of draft resolution I, the General Assembly would, among others things, endorse the efforts and initiatives of the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law. Draft resolution II pertains to the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as revised in 2010. Draft resolution III pertains to the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions: Supplement on Security Rights in Intellectual Property. Finally, draft resolution IV pertains to part three of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law, on the treatment of enterprise groups in insolvency.

The report on agenda item 78, "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law", is to be found in document A/65/466, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 8 thereof.

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would reaffirm that the Programme

constitutes a core activity of the United Nations and that there is an increasing demand for international law training. It would commend the efforts by the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs to revitalize the Programme to better respond to the needs of the international community, particularly with regard to the International Law Fellowship Programme, the regional courses in international law and the Audiovisual Library of International Law. It would express its appreciation to the Republic of Korea and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for hosting regional courses in international law in Seoul in 2010 and in Addis Ababa in 2011.

The Assembly would reiterate its authorization for the Secretary-General to carry out those activities in 2011, express concern over the reduction in the programme budget for fellowships, and further request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources to the programme budget in 2011 as well as for the next and future bienniums to ensure the continued effectiveness and further development of the Programme, in particular the regional courses in international law and the Audiovisual Library of International Law.

In addition, the Assembly would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law" and would request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 2011 and to include information with regard to the provision of the necessary resources to the programme budget.

The report on agenda item 79, "Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-second session", is contained in document A/65/467, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 8 of the report.

The Assembly would, *inter alia*, invite Governments to submit to the secretariat of the Commission, by 31 January 2011, observations on the entire set of draft guidelines constituting the Guide to Practice on Reservations to Treaties, provisionally adopted by the Commission at its sixty-second session, with a view to finalizing the Guide at the sixty-third session. It would once again draw the attention of

Governments to the importance for the International Law Commission of having their comments and observations by 1 January 2011 on the draft articles and commentaries on the topic “Responsibility of international organizations” adopted on first reading by the Commission at its sixty-first session. The Assembly would invite the International Law Commission to give priority to its consideration of the topics “Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction” and “The obligation to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*)”.

The report of the Sixth Committee on agenda item 80, “Diplomatic protection”, is contained in document A/65/468, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 9 thereof.

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would commend once again the articles on diplomatic protection to the attention of Governments and invite them to submit in writing to the Secretary-General any further comments, including comments concerning the recommendation by the International Law Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of the articles.

In addition, the Assembly would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session an item entitled “Diplomatic protection” and, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee and in the light of the comments of Governments, as well as views expressed in the debates held at the sixty-second and sixty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly, to examine in more depth the question of a convention on diplomatic protection, or any other appropriate action, on the basis of the above-mentioned articles, and to also identify any difference of opinion on the articles.

The report on agenda item 81, “Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm”, is contained in document A/65/469, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 7 thereof. By its terms, the Assembly would, inter alia, decide to revert to this item at its sixty-eighth session.

The report on agenda item 82, “Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts”, is contained in document A/65/470, and the

draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in its paragraph 7.

The report on agenda item 83, “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, is contained in document A/65/471, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 7 thereof.

The report on agenda item 84, “Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization”, is contained in document A/65/472, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 10 thereof.

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would, inter alia, request the Special Committee to continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security and to continue to consider, on a priority basis, the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, and ways and means of improving the Committee’s working methods and enhancing its efficiency.

The report on agenda item 85, “The rule of law at the national and international levels”, is contained in document A/65/473, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in its paragraph 7.

Under the terms of that draft resolution, the Assembly would, inter alia, call for enhancing dialogue among all stakeholders with a view to placing national perspectives at the centre of rule of law assistance in order to strengthen national ownership; request the Secretary-General to submit, in a timely manner, his next annual report on United Nations rule of law activities; and decide to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels during the high-level segment of its sixty-seventh session, the modalities of which would be finalized during its sixty-sixth session.

The report on agenda item 86, “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”, is contained in document A/65/474.

Under the draft resolution recommended for adoption, which is reproduced in paragraph 6 of the report, the General Assembly would decide that the Sixth Committee should continue its consideration of the matter, without prejudice to the consideration of this topic and related issues in other forums of the United Nations, and for that purpose would decide to establish, at its sixty-sixth session, a working group of the Sixth Committee to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction.

The Assembly would also invite Member States and relevant observers, as appropriate, to submit information and observations on the issue, including, where appropriate, information on the relevant applicable international treaties, their domestic legal rules and judicial practice, and would request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its sixty-sixth session, a report based on such information and observations.

The Sixth Committee adopted the 15 draft resolutions under this first heading without a vote, and it is my hope that the General Assembly will be in a position to do the same.

I shall now turn to the heading “Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations”.

The Sixth Committee considered agenda item 107, “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”, under this heading. The relevant report is contained in document A/65/475, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 11 thereof. Should the Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it would, *inter alia*, request the Ad Hoc Committee established by Assembly resolution 51/210 to report to the Assembly during the current session in the event of the completion of the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism.

The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote, and it is my hope that the Assembly will be able to do the same. As in the past, it is envisaged that the item in question will remain on the agenda of the General Assembly.

Under the third and final heading, “Organizational, administrative and other matters”, the Sixth Committee considered two substantive and two

procedural issues. I will begin with the substantive issues.

The report on agenda item 140, “Administration of justice at the United Nations”, is contained in document A/65/478. It reproduces, in paragraph 10, a draft decision whereby the General Assembly would decide that the consideration of the outstanding legal aspects of the item, including the question of effective remedies for non-staff personnel, as well as the code of conduct for the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, should be continued during its sixty-sixth session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee.

The report on agenda item 161, “Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country”, is contained in document A/65/479, and the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly for adoption appears in paragraph 8 of the report.

The two procedural items considered by the Sixth Committee under the third heading are agenda item 118, “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, and agenda item 130, “Programme planning”.

The report under agenda item 118, containing the provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee during the sixty-sixth session, is to be found in document A/65/476, and the draft decision by which the General Assembly would take note of the provisional programme of work is reproduced in paragraph 7 of the report. The report on agenda item 130 is contained in document A/65/477, and no further action by the General Assembly is recommended.

The draft decisions and the draft resolution relating to the agenda items under this third heading were also adopted by the Sixth Committee without a vote, and once again it is my hope that the General Assembly will be in a position to do the same.

Finally, I wish to inform the Assembly that there is no report in respect of agenda item 5, “Election of the officers of the Main Committees”. Consistent with previous practice, the election of the officers of the Sixth Committee for the sixty-sixth session will be taken up at a later stage in the course of the current session.

This concludes my introduction of the reports of the Sixth Committee. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Chairperson of the Sixth

Committee, the Permanent Representative of Monaco, Her Excellency Ambassador Isabelle Picco, for her hard work and commendable leadership provided to the Committee. My gratitude goes as well as to the other members of the Bureau — Mr. Reta Alemu Nega of Ethiopia, Mr. Chull-joo Park of the Republic of Korea and Ms. Eva Šurkova of Slovakia — for their cooperation and the support they gave me as Rapporteur. I also wish to thank all the delegates and colleagues for their valuable contributions to the success of the session.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the secretariat of the Committee, ensured by the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, for its efficient and valuable support and for the competent and professional advice provided throughout the session.

The President (*spoke in French*): I thank the Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee.

If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Sixth Committee have been made clear during the work of the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that:

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation’s vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.”

May I remind delegations that explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Sixth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to take decisions in the same manner as

was done in the Committee unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. I therefore hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee.

Members are reminded that additional sponsors are no longer accepted now that draft resolutions and decisions have been adopted by the Committee. Any clarification about sponsorship should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee.

Agenda item 75

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/463)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/19).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75?

It is so decided.

Agenda item 76

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/464)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/20).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 77**Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-third session****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/465)**

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it four draft resolutions recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I to IV.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-third session”. The Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 65/21).

The President (*spoke in French*): Draft resolution II is entitled “UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010”. The Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 65/22).

The President (*spoke in French*): Draft resolution III is entitled “UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions: Supplement on Security Rights in Intellectual Property”. The Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 65/23).

The President (*spoke in French*): Draft resolution IV is entitled “Part three of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law”. The Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 65/24).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 78**United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/466)**

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/25).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 79**Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-second session****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/467)**

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/26).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 80**Diplomatic protection****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/468)**

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will

now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/27).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 81

Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/469)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/28).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 82

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/470)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/29).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 83

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/471)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/30).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 84

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/472)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/31).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 85

The rule of law at the national and international levels

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/473)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/32).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that the Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 85?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 86

The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/474)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/33).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that the Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 107

Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/474)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/34).

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Agenda item 118 (*continued*)

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/476)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take action on the draft decision, entitled "Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly". The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President (*spoke in French*): The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Agenda item 130

Programme planning

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/477)

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Sixth Committee?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

Agenda item 140

Administration of justice at the United Nations

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/478)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take action on the draft decision. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President (*spoke in French*): The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Agenda item 161

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/65/479)

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/35).

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 161?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to thank Her Excellency Isabelle Picco, Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations and Chairperson of the Sixth Committee, the members of the Bureau, the Secretary of the Committee and representatives for a job well done.

The General Assembly has thus concluded the consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

Agenda item 68

Promotion and protection of human rights

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

Report of the Third Committee (A/65/456/Add.2 (Part I))

The President (*spoke in French*): If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, may I

take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the report of the Third Committee that is before the Assembly today?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): Statements will therefore be limited to explanation of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendation of the Third Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that:

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation’s vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.”

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendation contained in the report of the Third Committee, I would like to advise representatives that we are going to take a decision in the same manner as was done in the Third Committee.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. The draft resolution is entitled “Programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent”. The Third Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 65/36).

The President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 68.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.