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President: Mr. Lajčák (Slovakia)

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Reports of the Third Committee

The President: The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 27, 28, 64, 67 to 72, 107, 108, 121 and 137.

I request the Rapporteur of the Third Committee, Mr. Edgar Andrés Molina Linares of Guatemala, to introduce the reports of the Committee in one intervention.

Mr. Molina Linares (Guatemala), Rapporteur of the Third Committee (*spoke in Spanish*): It is a great privilege for me to introduce to the General Assembly the reports of the Third Committee submitted under the agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly, namely, items 27, 28, 64, 67 to 72, 107, 108, 121 and 137.

The reports contained in documents A/72/431 to A/72/441, A/72/480 and A/72/485 include the texts of draft resolutions and decisions recommended to the General Assembly for adoption. For the convenience of delegations, the Secretariat has issued document A/C.3/72/INF.1, which contains a checklist of actions taken on the draft proposals listed in the reports before the Assembly.

Under agenda item 27, entitled “Social development”, including sub-items (a) and (b), the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 39 of document A/72/431, the adoption of seven draft resolutions and, in paragraph 40, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 28, entitled “Advancement of women”, the Third Committee, recommends, in paragraph 20 of document A/72/432, the adoption of three draft resolutions, and, in paragraph 21, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 64, entitled “Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 17 of document A/72/433, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 67, entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/72/434, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 68 entitled, “Promotion and protection of the rights of children”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 44 of document A/72/435, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 69 entitled “Rights of indigenous peoples”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/72/436, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 70, entitled “Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 26 of document A/72/437, the adoption of two draft resolutions and, in paragraph 27, the adoption of one draft decision.

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Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Zambia

Draft resolution II was adopted by 81 votes to 30, with 70 abstentions (resolution 72/189).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Tuvalu,

Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu, Yemen

Against:

Armenia, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Russian Federation, Serbia, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia

Draft resolution III was adopted by 70 votes to 26, with 76 abstentions (resolution 72/190).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark,