

We regard this document as another of the great pioneering instruments, by means of which the United Nations is laying the ground-rules for civilized life on an ever-widening scale. We hope that it will attract wide support and that it will enjoy a long, useful life.

Although the substantive articles of the Draft International Covenants on Human Rights have been approved by the Assembly, the implementation and final articles have presented a more difficult problem. They were briefly touched upon by the Third Committee at the twentieth session, but a draft resolution proposing, in effect, the application to the covenants of the implementation and final clauses of the convention on racial discrimination was rejected. Further consideration of the covenants was then postponed to the twenty-first session.

The Committee considered a draft Declaration, initiated by Roumania, on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, which sets out certain principles for the achievement of these ends. These include the necessity of stressing, in the education and guidance given to them, the ideals of peace, humanity, mutual understanding, justice, freedom and the equality of all men; the encouragement of arrangements to enable young people from all countries to know one another better; and the desirability of national youth associations promoting the purposes of the United Nations. Although not all delegations were convinced of the necessity of this declaration, there were no irreconcilable differences of opinion as to its wording and, after a number of amendments, it was adopted unanimously.

The Third Committee approved the suggested programme for the International Year for Human Rights as suggested by the Commission on Human Rights, including a proposal for an international conference to review progress in the field of human rights and to consider what further measures the United Nations might take in this area. A preparatory committee, of which Canada is a member, was set up in consultation with the Commission on Human Rights to complete preparations for the conference.

The Third Committee also dealt with a number of other resolutions on human rights. It invited the Commission on Human Rights to complete its work on the draft declaration and draft convention on religious intolerance;¹ approved a draft recommendation on matters relating to marriage, and postponed further consideration of the draft convention and draft declaration on freedom of information to its twenty-first session. It returned to the Commission on Human Rights for further study the question of the creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, urged the

¹See Page 65.