

impossible. In this way members of the Committee would have full opportunity for participation in the debate and in establishing terms of reference and indicating areas of emphasis and finally in representative thinking on the working group. They would enjoy full participation in producing the implementation articles. The problems which arose in the discussion of the draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination against women, where on at least one occasion the Committee found itself in the embarrassing position of having to undo what it had already done, might in this way be avoided, because we could hand over the detailed paper work to this drafting group which would produce a clear and unambiguous text, and submit the whole to the Third Committee for reconciliation of any remaining differences, and adoption.

In short, my delegation views the New Zealand proposal as a tool to simplify and expedite the work of this Committee. But, more important, the proposal seems to be a way of ensuring that the final document, not only reflects the wishes of the Committee, but will be a good, well-drafted document that must stand as testimony to the real concern of the Committee for the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance. We feel that it is a method of producing a document that will be better ensured of universal application. It is for these reasons that my delegation warmly supports the proposal of the distinguished delegation of New Zealand and we hope that the Committee will carefully consider the merits of the proposal.